

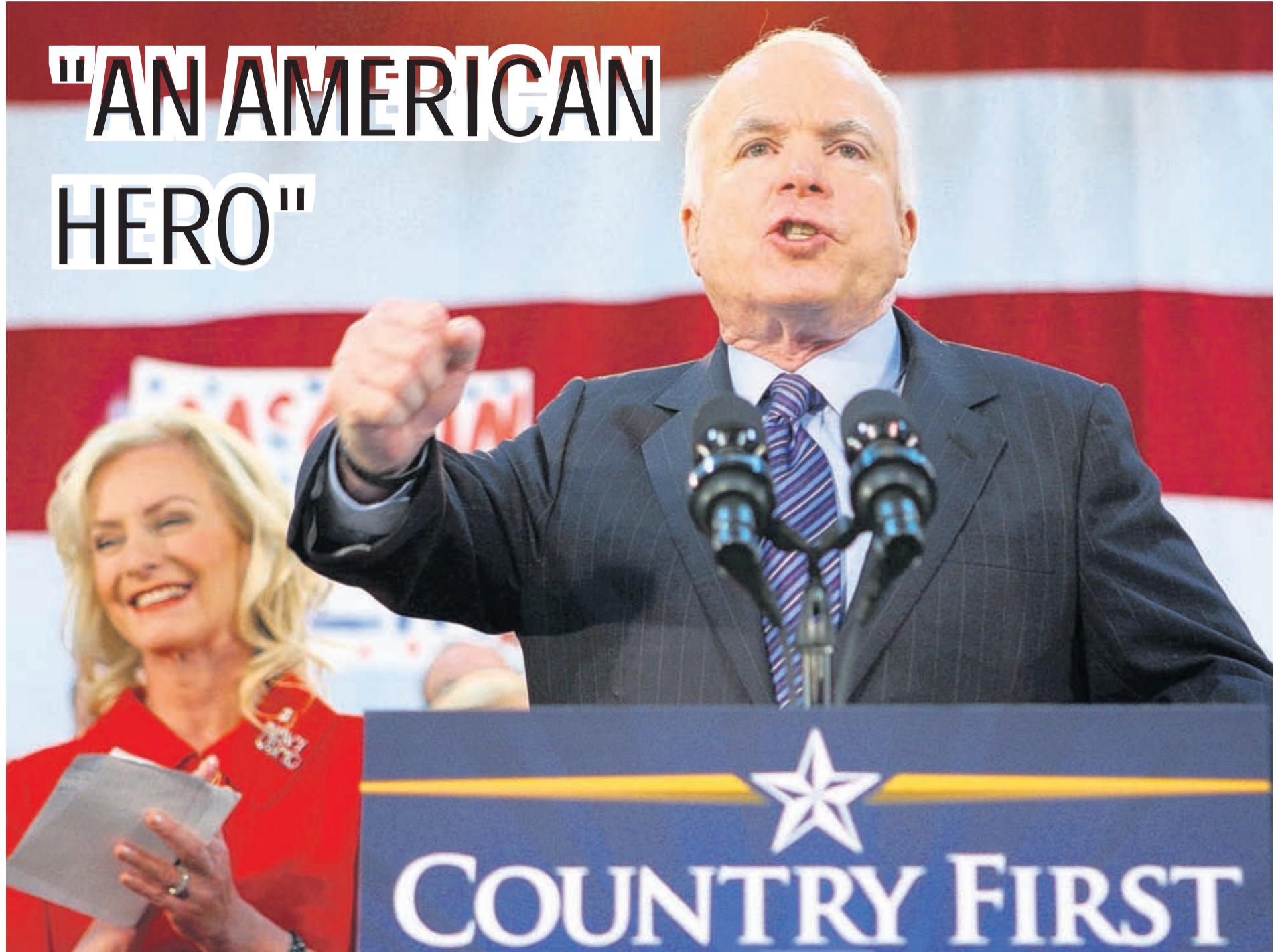
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In this Oct. 21, 2008 file photo, Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., standing with his wife Cindy, encourages his supporters to stand up and fight for America at the close of his address during a campaign rally in Bensalem, Pa.

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Ex-CDC director Frieden accused of groping woman's buttocks



Thomas Frieden, center, is seen during his arraignment in Brooklyn criminal court, Friday, Aug. 24, 2018 in New York.

Associated Press

By KAREN MATTHEWS
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — One of the nation's most respected medical experts, who led the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, entered a courtroom on Friday in handcuffs, arrested on sexual-harassment charges after a woman accused him of grabbing her behind late one night last year.

Dr. Thomas Frieden, who for years informed the public about dangers to their health, sat stone-faced as a judge warned him not to approach the woman, who accused him of groping her on Oct. 20, 2017, in his Brooklyn home.

Frieden, who also is a former New York City health commissioner, was arrested earlier Friday on three charges: forcible touching, sex abuse and harassment. His attorney, Laura Brevetti, entered a not guilty plea on his behalf.

The 55-year-old accuser, who knew Frieden, reported the encounter in July, and he was taken into custody after an investigation.

The judge ordered Frieden to refrain from any contact with the woman and to surrender his U.S. passport. Frieden was freed on his own recognizance, leaving in a car with his attorney. His next court appearance is Oct. 11.

Frieden leads a health initiative called Resolve to Save Lives, which is housed by nonprofit global health organization Vital Strategies.

"The allegation does not reflect Dr. Frieden's public or private behavior or his values over a lifetime of service to improve health around the world," said a statement issued by a spokesman on his behalf.

The president of Vital Strategies, Jose L. Castro, came out in support of Frieden. He said Frieden informed him in April that "a non-work-related friend of his and his family of more than 30 years accused him of inappropriate physical contact."

"I have known and worked closely with Dr. Frieden for nearly 30 years and have seen first-hand that he has the highest ethical

standards both personally and professionally," Castro said in a statement. "In all of my experiences with him, there have never been any concerns or reports of inappropriate conduct."

Nonetheless, earlier this month Vital Strategies hired an investigator to interview Resolve to Save Lives employees even though the woman didn't work there. Castro said the investigation found no inappropri-

ate workplace behavior. "Vital Strategies greatly values the work Dr. Frieden does to advance public health and he has my full confidence," Castro said.

Frieden was a disease investigator at the Atlanta-based CDC, the nation's top public health agency, in 1990 when he was assigned to New York City and worked on a large outbreak of drug-resistant tuberculosis. He stayed, tak-

ing a job heading the city's tuberculosis control.

In 1996, he began working in India with the World Health Organization on tuberculosis control.

Frieden became New York City's health commissioner in 2002 and was known for his aggressive measures to attack chronic diseases. In 2003, New York banned smoking in almost all workplaces, a precedent-setting move that inspired other cities to do the same. In 2006, it became the first U.S. city to ban restaurants from using artificial trans fats and required hundreds of eateries to post calorie counts on their menus.

In 2009, President Barack Obama's administration picked Frieden to head the CDC. Frieden led U.S. public health efforts during a range of high-profile national and international health crises, including pandemic flu, Ebola and Zika.

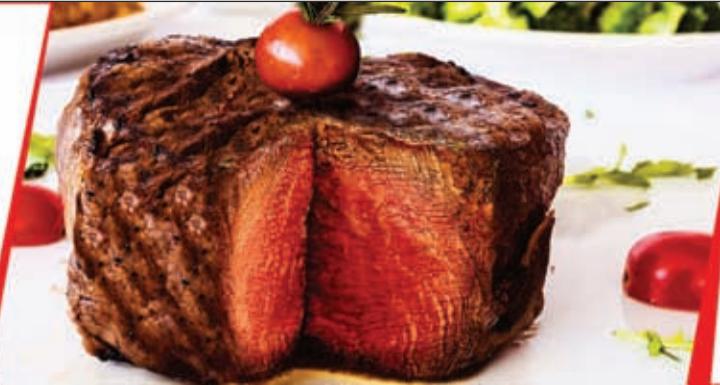
Frieden was CDC director until January 2017, when he resigned as part of the turnover to President Donald Trump's administration. In September 2017, Frieden announced he had moved back to New York City to head the \$225 million Resolve to Save Lives initiative. □

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McCain stops cancer treatment as remarkable life nears end

By MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Arizona Sen. John McCain has discontinued medical treatment for an aggressive form of brain cancer, his family said Friday, likely indicating the war hero, presidential nominee and longtime leading lawmaker is nearing the end of his life. McCain has surpassed expectations for survival, but "the progress of disease and the inexorable advance of age render their verdict," the family said. "With his usual strength of will, he has now chosen to discontinue medical treatment."

The six-term GOP senator, who would turn 82 next week, has been away from the Capitol since last December. If he should resign his seat or die soon, Republican Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey would name a replacement to serve until the 2020 election. The winner of that election would serve the remainder of McCain's term through 2022.

In more than three decades in Congress, McCain became known as a political maverick willing to stick to his convictions rather than go along with party leaders — an independent streak that has drawn a mix of respect and ire.

Most recently, he has been a thorn in the side of President Donald Trump, keeping up his criticism of the White House even while undergoing severe medical treatment in Arizona.

In July, he issued a searing rebuke of Trump's summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin, calling it a "tragic mistake" and "one of the most disgraceful performances by an American president in memory."

The strained relationship between Trump and Mc-

Cain dates back to 2015, when Trump suggested the Vietnam veteran, who spent more than five years in a North Vietnamese prison after his Navy plane was shot down, was not a war hero.

The ill will grew after McCain voted in 2017 against a Republican replacement for "Obamacare." He doomed the bill with a dramatic thumbs-down on the Senate floor. Complaints about McCain's vote have become a staple of Trump's campaign speeches. He doesn't mention McCain by name but makes clear his intent by mockingly imitating the thumbs-down gesture.

The feud between the two men has persisted even amid the decline in McCain's health. While political leaders of both parties paid tribute to McCain and offered prayers Friday, Trump and the White House remained silent.

Earlier this month, Trump signed a military policy bill named for McCain, but he made no mention of McCain at a signing ceremony.

The son and grandson of Navy admirals, McCain is a former Navy pilot. He was elected to Congress in 1982 and to the Senate four years later, replacing the retired Barry Goldwater.

Despite his famous stubborn streak and occasional orneriness, McCain is widely admired on both sides of the aisle, and tributes poured in Friday after the family announced the treatment decision.

"We are so fortunate to call him our friend and colleague," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said on Twitter. McCain, his wife Cindy "and the entire

McCain family are in our prayers at this incredibly

difficult hour," McConnell said.

Arizona Gov. Ducey called McCain "an American hero" who always put his country before himself. A "spirit of service and civility" guided McCain's life, standing as a model for Americans regardless of political affiliation, Ducey said.

Cindy McCain tweeted that she loves her husband "with all of my heart" and thanked those who have cared for him.

McCain underwent surgery in July 2017 to remove a blood clot in his brain after being diagnosed with an aggressive tumor called a glioblastoma. It's the same type of tumor that killed Sen. Edward M. Kennedy at age 77 in 2009.

McCain rebounded quickly, however, returning to Washington and entering the Senate in late July to a standing ovation from his colleagues. In a dramatic turn, he later cast the deciding vote against the Republican health care bill, earning Trump's enduring wrath.

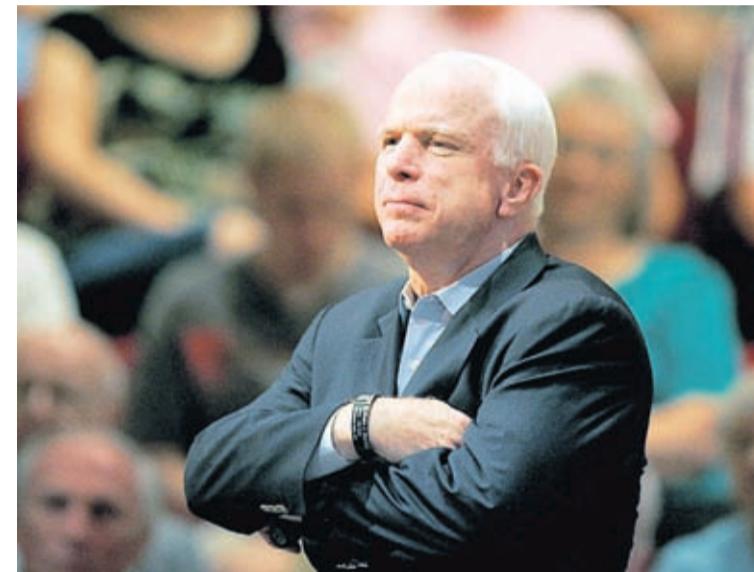
McCain's condition worsened last fall, and he has been in Arizona since December.

A source close to McCain who asked not to be identified said Friday the senator was at his Arizona ranch with his family.

He is a long-term survivor of melanoma, a deadly skin cancer. But doctors classified his brain cancer as a "primary tumor," meaning it's not related to his former malignancies.

McCain ran unsuccessfully for the Republican presidential nomination in 2000, then won it in 2008 before losing the general election to Obama.

When Republicans took control of the Senate in



In this Aug. 25, 2009 file photo, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., holds a healthcare town hall meeting in Sun City, Ariz.

Associated Press

2015, McCain embraced his new influence as chairman of the Armed Services Committee, pushing for aggressive U.S. military in-

tervention overseas and eager to contribute to "defeating the forces of radical Islam that want to destroy America." □

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AP-NORC Poll: Low marks for Trump, except on the economy

By HANNAH FINGERHUT

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump continues to receive poor marks from a majority of Americans on his overall job performance, even as he enjoys relatively good assessments of his handling of the economy.

A new poll released Friday by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research finds 60 percent of Americans disapprove of Trump's work as president, compared with 38 percent who approve. Trump's approval rating has been largely stable over the course of his presidency.

Ratings of Trump among all Americans are equally dim on a host of issues, including immigration and health care, even as the president continues to receive high marks from his base of Republican supporters.

Here's a look at how the president fares in the new survey:

ECONOMY ABOVE ALL

Trump receives his best marks from the public on the economy: 51 percent say they approve of his handling of the economy, more than the share who approve of his performance on any other issue. Nearly 9 in 10 Republicans approve of the president on economic policy.

And while Democrats are far more likely to express disapproval, 23 percent do approve of the president on the issue. That's a far greater share than the 7 percent of Democrats who approve of the job he's doing overall.

TRUMP AND RUSSIA



President Donald Trump speaks during a roundtable on the "Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act" in the Roosevelt Room of the White House, Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018, in Washington.

Associated Poll

About a third of Americans say they approve of the president's handling of special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 election.

Two-thirds of Republicans approve of Trump on the issue, but that's among the lowest shares of positive views among Republicans of the 10 issues included in the survey.

The poll was conducted before a jury on Tuesday found Paul Manafort, Trump's former campaign chairman, guilty on eight counts of financial crimes and before his former lawyer Michael Cohen pleaded guilty to charges that included campaign finance violations he said he carried out in coordination

with Trump.

LOW RATINGS ON HEALTH CARE, IMMIGRATION

Trump continues to receive low approval ratings on both immigration and health care, two issues that Americans tend to name as important to them in the coming midterm elections. Overall, 38 percent of Americans approve of Trump on immigration, while 36 percent approve of his work on health care. Democrats are particularly negative toward the president on these issues — just 8 percent say they approve of him on each.

About three-quarters of Republicans approve of Trump on immigration, and a somewhat smaller majority — 7 in 10 — approve of

how he's handling health care.

DIVIDED VIEWS OF NORTH KOREA

While Trump's approval rating on foreign policy remains low at 36 percent, Americans are more positive toward the president on his handling of North Korea.

Nearly half of Americans — 47 percent — approve of Trump when it comes to North Korea, while 52 percent disapprove. The share who approve of the president on North Korea spiked to 55 percent following his June summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. Republicans continue to express support of the president on his handling of North Korea, with 82 per-

cent saying they approve. About 2 in 10 Democrats approve of his handling of North Korea as well — among the highest Democratic ratings of the issues asked — as do half of independents.

CONSERVATIVE VIEWS

Conservative Republicans are staunchly supportive of the president overall, with 86 percent saying they approve of the president's job performance. This uniform approval carries over to most issues, including the economy (95 percent), taxes (90 percent), trade (87 percent) and North Korea (89 percent).

But when it comes to the budget deficit, conservative Republicans are somewhat less approving — 75 percent say they approve of Trump's handling of the issue.

Conservative Republicans also are somewhat less likely to approve of the president on the Russia investigation (76 percent) and health care policy (77 percent).

NATIONAL OUTLOOK

Most Americans think the country is headed in the wrong direction: 62 percent say the nation is on the wrong track, compared with 38 percent who say the nation is headed the right way. □

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Hurricane Lane floods homes as others take to the waves

By JENNIFER SINCO KELLEHER and AUDREY McAVOY
Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — Hurricane Lane took aim at the Hawaiian islands on Friday, bringing torrential rains that immersed a city in waist-deep water and forced some residents and tourists to flee flooding homes, while others flocked to Honolulu's famed Waikiki Beach to jump off seawalls with boogie boards into the turbulent ocean.

As many dealt with flooding and even brush fires, swimmers and surfers ignored warnings from authorities and plunged into powerful waves at the closed beach on Oahu — the most populated island.

Emergency officials said repeatedly over loudspeakers, "Please get out of the water! It's very dangerous!" Honolulu's mayor pleaded with tourists that they were putting themselves in danger as the storm moved closer.

The storm weakened to a Category 1 with winds of 74 to 95 mph as it headed north toward the Hawaiian islands, the National Weather Service said. It was expected to veer west, skirting the islands, but still threatened to bring heavy rains and strong, gusty winds statewide, meteorologist Gavin Shigesato said.

A hurricane watch for Hawaii's westernmost inhabited islands, Kauai and Niihau, was downgraded to a tropical storm watch. Still, the hurricane center warned that Lane's slow movement increases the potential for prolonged heavy rainfall that's expected to cause major flash flooding and landslides.

The outer bands of the hurricane dumped as much as 3 feet (1 meter) of rain on the mostly rural Big Island in 48 hours. The main town of Hilo, population 43,000, was flooded Friday with waist-high water as landslides shut down roads.

Margaret Collins, 69, woke up Thursday night to the sound of moving water in her Hilo backyard.

"So I got up out of bed and looked out my bedroom

window and saw water 3 feet high gushing past my window," she said. "And that's when I realized I was standing in water."

She called a neighbor for help, who crawled through bushes to bring her out of the house, half-carrying her as she clutched a plastic bag with medication. The gushing water knocked down a cement wall and lifted her truck out of the carport, sending it toward her neighbor's house, she said.

"My house is completely inundated with mudwater," said Collins, who was told the damage wouldn't be covered by insurance. She hopes she can get federal assistance.

Elsewhere on the Big Island, the National Guard and firefighters rescued six people and a dog from a flooded home, while five California tourists were rescued from another home. A different type of evacuation took place on Oahu. Officials with Hawaii's Department of Land and Natural Resources transferred about 2,000 rare Hawaiian snails from a mountain marsh to offices in downtown Honolulu. A staff member will spend the night with them and place ice around snail cages in case the air conditioning quits working.

Some of the snails are literally the last of their kind, like one named George. He's the sole remaining Achatinella apexfulva in captivity. Staff members are trying to keep him safe in case he is able to reproduce.

As flooding hit the Big Island, brush fires broke out in areas of Maui and Oahu susceptible to flames.

Some residents in a shelter on Maui had to flee when a brush fire got too close and another forced people from their homes. A woman got burns on her hands and legs and was flown to Honolulu, Maui County spokesman Rod Antone said. Her condition wasn't clear.

A man posted a video on Instagram showing flames several stories high starting



In this photo provided by Jessica Henricks, is flooding and damage from Hurricane Lane Friday, Aug. 24, 2018, near Hilo, Hawaii.

Associated Press

to envelop parked cars. Josh Galinato said he was trying to sleep when he smelled smoke in his apartment in the tourist town of Lahaina.

"I opened up my front door, and I just saw the fire spreading and coming downhill," Galinato said. He and neighbors honked horns to alert others to the danger.

Joseph Azam, who is vacationing in Maui with family and friends, hopes that rain from the hurricane arrives before the flames do.

"Trying to figure which comes first, the fire or the rain," said Azam, who's from Oakland, California, and is staying at a hotel. "We're praying the rain arrives soon."

Others prayed for rain to stay away.

In Waikiki, the man-made Ala Wai Canal is likely to flood if predicted rains arrive, said Ray Alexander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The canal marks the northern boundary of the Waikiki tourist district. Worries that it could over-

flow in heavy rains have prompted plans to mitigate the risk.

"The canal has flooded in the past, and I believe it's safe to say based on the forecast of rainfall it's likely to flood again, the impacts of which we aren't prepared to say at this time," Alexander said.

Major flooding could damage 3,000 structures and cost more than \$1 billion in repairs, the Honolulu Star-Advertiser newspaper reported, citing corps estimates. □

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Verizon makes changes as lawmakers decry firefighters' woes

By DON THOMPSON

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Verizon rolled out changes Friday as state lawmakers said they were outraged to learn the telecommunications company had slowed firefighters' internet service while they battled what became the largest wildfire on record in California.

Verizon said it removed all speed cap restrictions for emergency workers fighting wildfires on the West Coast and for those in Hawaii, where emergency crews were rescuing people from areas flooded by Hurricane Lane.

The company promised to lift restrictions on public safety customers and provide full network access when other disasters arise.

The announcement came hours before the state Assembly Select Committee on Natural Disaster, Response, Recovery, and Rebuilding held an informational hearing on the incident.

The goal is to determine "how we ensure that all public safety has the tools they need in some of our hardest moments in California's history battling these natural disasters," said Democratic Assemblywoman Monique Limon of Santa Barbara.

The Santa Clara County Fire Department has said



In this Aug. 7, 2018 file photo, firefighters monitor a backfire while battling the Ranch Fire, part of the Mendocino Complex Fire near Ladoga, Calif.

Associated Press

Verizon slowed its internet communications at a wildfire command center three weeks ago, crippling an emergency communications truck's data speeds and forcing firefighters to use other agencies' internet connections and their personal cellphones.

The county disclosed the problem last week in a lawsuit brought by 22 state attorneys general seeking to restore net neutrality rules repealed by the Federal Communications Commission. The court filing alleges that the slowdown

was caused by the FCC's action, which allows telecommunications to slow internet speed to selected customers.

California lawmakers are considering a bill that would require internet companies to restore net neutrality in California, requiring equal data access to all customers.

Meanwhile, U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo, a senior member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, and 11 other Democratic members of

Congress sent a letter to the Federal Trade Commission calling Verizon's action "unacceptable" and demanding an investigation into whether it amounted to "unfair or deceptive" practices.

Dave Hickey, Verizon's vice president of business and government sales, told lawmakers the error by the company had nothing to do with net neutrality.

Rather, the county had used up its monthly data capacity under an internet plan that allows Verizon to significantly slow service.

The department bought a government high-speed wireless data plan that provides an unlimited amount of data at a set monthly cost, but the company reduces speeds if the buyer exceeds certain levels of use during that billing cycle.

Santa Clara County Fire Chief Anthony Bowden called unlimited data flow critical to public safety but said public agencies do not have unlimited funds and try to find an affordable plan that will meet their needs.

He also called for increasing protections to cell towers in fire-damaged or fire-prone areas to maintain critical communications and warnings to area residents as well as first responders in emergencies.

Bowden said Verizon restored full speeds only after the department subscribed to a more expensive plan.

That shouldn't have been necessary, Hickey said, because the company's policy is to immediately remove data speed restrictions when contacted in emergency situations.

He blamed an "operational error" for the company's failure to lift the data cap as soon as firefighters called. Instead, a Verizon representative told the county to upgrade to a more expensive package. □



This July 17, 2018 file photo shows wrapped plastic straws at a bubble tea cafe in San Francisco.

Associated Press

By SOPHIA BOLLAG

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — If you want a straw with your drink, you soon may have to ask for it at Califor-

nia restaurants.

Lawmakers on Thursday sent Gov. Jerry Brown a measure that supporters say would make California the first state to bar full-ser-

California seeks to be first state to limit plastic straws

vice restaurants from giving out single-use plastic straws unless customers request them. It wouldn't ban straws as some cities have in a bid to combat waste. San Francisco and Seattle

passed plastic straw bans earlier this year, drawing ire from conservatives who see the restrictions as government overreach and liberals who say outlawing straws hurts disabled people.

The California measure, which passed the Assem-

bly 45-20, is part of a larger trend in cities across the United States that are banning plastic bags, plastic utensils and other plastic goods to reduce ocean pollution.

Democratic California Assemblyman Ian Calderon described his measure, AB1884, as a small step toward reducing plastic use and fighting pollution. It would apply only to full-service restaurants, not fast food establishments.

Republican Assemblywom-

an Melissa Melendez said she doesn't believe the measure would effectively curb ocean pollution and would unfairly punish restaurants.

Restaurants would be warned for first and second violations and fined \$25 per day for subsequent infractions, with an annual fine limit of \$300.

Calderon says the measure would not be overly burdensome on businesses. The restaurant industry didn't oppose it. □

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Fiery fuel truck crash kills 2, snarls L.A.-area freeway

HAWTHORNE, Calif. (AP) — A fuel tanker truck crashed and burned early Friday on a freeway near Los Angeles International Airport, killing two people and causing a massive traffic jam that forced travelers to abandon their vehicles and walk off the freeway with their luggage, authorities said. The California Highway Patrol received reports of the crash involving the double-tanker truck and an SUV followed by a fireball on the westbound side of Interstate 105 in suburban Hawthorne shortly after 5 a.m. Authorities told reporters that both drivers were killed and coroner's investigators would determine whether anyone else was in the wreckage. The pre-dawn crash turned the morning commute into

chaos on the south side of the Los Angeles metropolitan area.

Both sides of the freeway and a Metro light rail commuter line that runs down the middle of the highway were shut down as authorities let the fire burn itself out.

Some motorists got out of their cars and others tried to drive off the freeway by using on-ramps as exits. Shortly after 6 a.m. the highway patrol's online incident log reported that people were abandoning vehicles, taking luggage and jumping over fences alongside the freeway. It is a major southern approach to the airport.

An unidentified traveler showed KTTV where she climbed a steep embankment and over a tall fence

to get off the freeway. KTTV reported she missed her flight but was assured she would be rebooked.

Undamaged eastbound lanes reopened after nearly three hours, while emergency work continued on the westbound side and investigators sought to determine why the vehicles collided.

Fuel had to be carefully removed from a trailer tank that overturned but did not burn. County Fire Department Inspector Joey Maron said vent holes had to be drilled in the tank's three compartments so that the fuel could be pumped out. It was not immediately known how long the westbound lanes would remain closed.

"We don't know the condition of the pavement," said



This still image taken from video provided by KABC-TV shows a fuel tanker that crashed and burned early Friday, Aug. 24, 2018, on a highway near Los Angeles International Airport, causing a massive traffic jam.

Associated Press

Lauren Wonder, spokeswoman for the California Department of Transportation.

Engineers were being summoned to determine whether lane markers could simply be restored or whether pavement would need to be patched or dug out, Wonder said.

Damage assessment was also being conducted on

the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's adjacent Green Line tracks and the overhead electrical system. Busses were sent to ferry rail passengers around the crash area. Interstate 105 runs east-west across southern Los Angeles County, intersecting with four other major freeways. □

GoFundMe investigating campaign for homeless Samaritan



This photo taken Aug. 15, 2018, shows Johnny Bobbitt Jr., the homeless veteran who gave \$20 for gas for Kate McClure, back on the streets with his brother.

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A homeless man who helped a stranded motorist in Philadelphia said he is panhandling once again and using drugs, and he has no access to the money raised on his behalf.

Johnny Bobbitt gained worldwide attention when he used his last \$20 to fill up the gas tank of stranded motorist Kate McClure in November 2017.

McClure and her boyfriend Mark D'Amico started a GoFundMe campaign in return, promising that Bobbitt would have a home.

Bobbitt told the Philadelphia Inquirer that he can't use the \$200,000 left out of the \$400,000 that donors raised on GoFundMe, and he no longer has a camper or a car.

McClure said the couple did all they could to help Bobbitt.

In an interview with the Inquirer last week, D'Amico said he controls the money and will start dispensing it when Bobbitt gets a job and stops using drugs.

"Giving him all that money, it's never going to happen. I'll burn it in front of him," he

said, adding that giving an "addict" the money would be like "giving him a loaded gun." Bobbitt questions the couple's motives and fears they may have squandered the money.

"I think it might have been good intentions in the beginning, but with that amount of money, I think it became greed," Bobbitt said. GoFundMe is investigating whether the money was mismanaged, and said it will work to ensure Bobbitt "receives the help he deserves and that the donors' intentions are honored." □

Spain sets in motion plan to dig up former dictator Franco

By BARRY HATTON

IAN SULLIVAN

Associated Press

MADRID (AP) — Spain's center-left government approved legal amendments Friday to make sure that the remains of former dictator Gen. Francisco Franco will be dug up and removed from a controversial national mausoleum honoring the nation's civil war dead. The minority Socialist government is certain that parliament will endorse the amendments, probably in a debate next month, deputy prime minister Carmen Calvo told reporters.

The amendments to Spain's Historical Memory Law of 2007 grant the government the power to exhume Franco's body. That change aims to thwart legal efforts by Franco's descendants and supporters to block the exhumation in the courts. Removing Franco's remains from the Valley of the Fallen, a mausoleum he ordered built 50 kilometers (30 miles) northwest of Madrid, would be a momentous event in Spain, which still bears social and political scars from the country's 1936-39 civil war.

The vast Valley of the Fallen



Flowers are placed on the tomb of former Spanish dictator Francisco Franco inside the basilica at the Valley of the Fallen monument near El Escorial, outside Madrid, Friday, Aug. 24, 2018.

Associated Press

complex is most conspicuous public legacy of Franco's rule, built by the dictator as a tribute to those killed in the war in which he deposed Spain's democratic government.

Some 34,000 people from both sides of the fighting are buried at the site, most of them never identified.

"Having Franco's tomb (at the complex) shows a lack of respect ... for the victims

buried there," Calvo said. She noted that a visiting U.N. delegation said four years ago that "democracy is incompatible with a tomb that honors the memory of Franco."

In addition to exhaling Franco, the government also plans to unearth and identify the 114,000-or-so victims of the civil war and the four decades of dictatorship that followed under

Franco, who died in 1975. Spain's Memory Law, which outlawed public events supporting the Franco regime, fell short of addressing the broad demands of civil war survivors and victims' relatives for exhumations and reparations. Franco's descendants will be consulted and will have 15 days to say where they would like the remains to go after exhumation. If

they do not reply, the government will choose a "dignified place," Calvo said.

Francisco Martinez-Bordiu, a grandson of Franco, described the government's exhumation plans as "barbaric," telling Antena 3 on Friday that descendants would assess their legal options for halting it.

An exhumation of Franco's embalmed body — possibly as early as October — would cement the government's reformist, liberal credentials after taking power last June. Removing Franco from the mausoleum, which is owned and operated by the cultural heritage agency, a public-funded body, has long been discussed in Spain. Calvo said the government is fast-tracking the exhumation because it wants to "end a state of affairs which cannot go on any longer."

At next Friday's Cabinet meeting, the procedures for the exhumation will be set out, she said.

The Valley of the Fallen complex includes a mausoleum and basilica in a neoclassic style and is a popular pilgrimage site for people nostalgic for the dictatorship. □

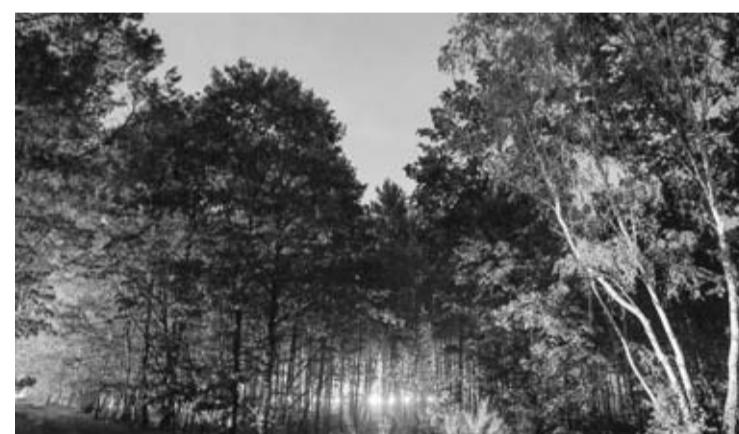
Huge wildfire southwest of Berlin sets off WWII arms blasts

BERLIN (AP) — Firefighters struggled Friday to tame a wildfire southwest of Berlin but had to maneuver carefully as the blaze set off old World War II ammunition that is still buried in the forests around the German capital.

Flames forced the evacuation of several nearby villages and sent clouds of acrid smoke toward the German capital.

The fire, which was the size of 500 soccer fields, has already set off several detonations of old ammunition, according to local lawmaker Christian Stein. Firefighters were not allowed to enter suspicious areas.

"The ammunition is very dangerous, because one cannot step on the ground, and therefore one cannot get close to the fire" to ex-



A forest is lit by wildfires near the village Klausdorf, about 85 kilometers (53 miles) south of Berlin on Friday, Aug. 24, 2018.

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tinguish it, Brandenburg state's governor, Dietmar Woidke, told reporters.

The fire started Thursday afternoon and spread quickly through the dry pine forests in the Treuenbrietzen region, 50 kilometers (30 miles) outside of Berlin in the eastern state of Bran-

denburg. By evening, authorities had evacuated 500 people from the villages of Frohnsdorf, Klausdorf and Tiefenbrunnen.

"Something like that, we didn't even experience during the war," 76-year-old Anita Biedermann told the dpa news agency as

police told her to grab her jacket, ID and medication from her home before taking her to a nearby gym for the night.

Firefighters were trying to douse the flames in areas they could not enter with water-bearing helicopters and water cannons.

"The fire continues to be a big threat," Woidke said. "But we will do everything to protect people's property."

Overnight, winds blew the smoke to Berlin, where people in some neighborhoods were told to keep their windows closed. In some cases the smell of smoke was so strong that residents called Berlin emergency services.

More than 600 firefighters and soldiers were brought in to battle the wildfire, cutting trees to make long fire-

breaks. Several roads were closed and local trains halted service in the area close to the fire.

Stein said the fact that the fire broke out in several places simultaneously suggested it could have been arson, but Brandenburg's Interior Ministry said it was still investigating the cause of the fire.

Germany has seen a long, hot summer with almost no rain, and large parts of the country are on high alert regarding possible wildfires. Raimund Engel, who is in charge of forests in the state of Brandenburg, said 400 wildfires have already been reported this year.

"I hope the weather will play along and the winds won't increase again," Stein said. "We are yearning for rain." □

UN official: Palestinian refugee issue can't be wished away

By JOSEF FEDERMAN

JERUSALEM (AP) — The head of the U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees suggested that the United States slashed his budget early this year to punish the Palestinians for their criticism of the American recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital, but he warned that the Palestinian refugee issue will not go away.

The comments by Pierre Kraehenbuehl came amid signs that the U.S., with Israeli support, is aiming to abolish UNRWA in an apparent attempt to remove one of the most contentious issues in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict from the negotiating agenda.

"One cannot simply wish 5 million people away," Kraehenbuehl, commissioner of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency, said in an interview with The Associated Press.

In January, the U.S., the largest donor to the agency, slashed some \$300 million from its annual contribution to UNRWA, prompting what Kraehenbuehl called an unprecedented financial crisis.

Although he has made up some of the deficit by raising money from other countries, the agency still lacks over \$200 million. It recently laid off over 100 people in the Gaza Strip and cut back the hours of 500 other employees. The upcoming school year for hundreds of thousands of Palestinian children across the Middle East has been threatened.

Kraehenbuehl said he was caught off guard by the American decision, which came just weeks after he had held what he described as a successful meeting with Jared Kushner, President Donald Trump's son-in-law and chief Mideast adviser.

He said he still has not gotten a straight answer from the Americans about why they made their decision. But he said he believes it is connected to the uproar over the U.S. recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital in December. The Palestin-



In this Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018 photo, the head of United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, Pierre Kraehenbuehl speaks in interview with The Associated Press in Jerusalem.

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ians, who seek east Jerusalem as their capital, condemned the decision and severed nearly all ties with the Americans.

"I can say with a great degree of confidence that the decision was not related to UNRWA's performance, because in November I had received very constructive and openly positive feedback on those issues," he said.

"A few weeks later, tensions increased around the question of Jerusalem," he added. "It appears that the humanitarian funding to UNRWA got caught up in the deep polarization around that question."

The State Department said it is reviewing funding to UNRWA and has not decided whether to restore support in the future. It repeated its position that the agency's repeated financial crises are "unsustainable" and called on it to find other countries to share the funding burden

and to undertake "fundamental reforms."

But privately, there are signs that the American agenda runs deeper and that the Trump administration seeks to abolish UNRWA altogether.

In an internal email recently published by Foreign Policy magazine, Kushner called for a "sincere effort to disrupt UNRWA."

"This (agency) perpetuates a status quo, is corrupt, inefficient and doesn't help peace," he reportedly wrote.

The Palestinians fear the U.S. is putting pressure on host countries to absorb their refugee populations and eliminate the issue from future peace negotiations. The White House says it is working on a regional peace plan, though it has not said when it will be released.

UNRWA was established in the wake of the 1948 Mideast war surrounding Israel's creation. An estimated

700,000 Palestinians fled or were forced from their homes in the fighting.

In the absence of a solution, the U.N. General Assembly has repeatedly renewed UNRWA's mandate. The agency now provides education, health care and social services to more than 5 million refugees and their descendants. It serves populations in Gaza and the West Bank, as well as Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. Seen by the Palestinians and most of the international community as providing a valuable safety net, UNRWA is viewed far differently by Israel.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accuses the agency of perpetuating the conflict by helping promote an unrealistic Palestinian demand that refugees have the "right of return" to long-lost homes in what is now Israel. He has said UNRWA should be abolished and its responsibilities taken over by the

main U.N. refugee agency. Some in Israel have even tougher criticism, accusing UNRWA of teaching hatred of Israel in its classrooms and tolerating or assisting Hamas militants in Gaza.

Kraehenbuehl said Israel has raised similar concerns for years, but that there has been a "strong intensification" of the criticism now that the Trump administration appears to be in agreement. He rejected the Israeli claim that his agency is perpetuating the conflict, saying that it is carrying out a U.N.-mandated mission that reflects the will of the international community. Kraehenbuehl said that Israeli claims that the Palestinians are the only people to pass down refugee status to their children also are unfounded, saying that Afghan refugees displaced decades ago have the same status.

He also noted that UNRWA has a committee to monitor the content of its classrooms and has condemned attempts by Gaza militants to use UNRWA facilities for cover.

Kraehenbuehl said the best way to solve these matters is to find a "political solution" to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that addresses the fate of the refugees.

In the meantime, he said UNRWA's focus is for its schools to open on schedule in early September. For now, he said there are enough funds to keep the schools running only until the end of the month. An aggressive fund-raising effort is under way to ensure the schools operate for the entire academic year.

"I see the courage displayed by our students in the face of so much adversity," he said. "I really find it very difficult to imagine that I have to go back to them and tell them that I have failed and we have failed to mobilize the needed resources, to keep the one thing that gives them a certain prospect in life ... which is their education. So we will knock on every door, we will leave no stone unturned until we have good news on this front." □

A year later, fractured Rohingya community sees little hope

By JULHAS ALAM

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KUTUPALONG, Bangladesh

(AP) — Forged over generations in villages in Myanmar, Rohingya communities are now held together in calls over crackling phone lines.

"Mummy! Mummy!" 15-year-old Abdullah Razzaq shouted to his mother earlier this week in their once-a-week call, nearly a year after he and his brother, along with more than 700,000 other Rohingya Muslims, fled waves of attacks by Myanmar security forces and crossed the border into Bangladesh. "Why don't you guys come here?"

"Here" is a ramshackle sprawl of refugee camps built amid low rolling hills and endless monsoon-season mud. First erected more than 20 years ago by earlier, smaller waves of Rohingya refugees, the camps exploded in size last year when Myanmar's army launched its attacks about Aug. 25, and hundreds of thousands of Rohingya began flooding across the border.

One year later, despite months of discussions among Myanmar, Bangladesh, the United Nations and a string of aid agencies, there are few signs that the Rohingya can go home anytime soon.

"I can't see my mother or my brother and am unable to receive a mother's love," said Abdullah. "I miss them a lot."

The family was broken apart in the chaos that began with a series of Aug. 24 attacks on Myanmar police posts by a small Rohingya militant group that left a dozen security personnel dead. Soon after, Myanmar security forces and Buddhist mobs responded with brutal indiscriminate attacks on Rohingya villages, burning many down and driving villagers away in what many rights activists see as a calculated attempt to drive the Rohingya from the country.

Abdullah and his 17-year-old brother thought their mother had also fled their



In this Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018 photo, Rohingya refugees sit inside a newly setup barber shop at Kutupalong refugee camp, Bangladesh.

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village in Myanmar's Rakhine state, where most Rohingya had long lived. Only later did they realize she'd been left behind, and remains in their village with their eldest brother.

The brothers call once a week to check on her. But she tells them the separation has been hard.

"I miss you guys a lot. I can't eat or sleep properly. I am getting by somehow," she said.

The Rohingyas' woes can seem never-ending. They have long been treated as illegal migrants in Myanmar, denied such basic rights as the freedom of movement, even though some of their families have lived in the Buddhist-majority country for generations. Nearly all have been denied citizenship since 1982, effectively rendering them stateless.

Anti-Rohingya pogroms have been a part of life in the region for years, and violence against them began ratcheting up again in October 2016, as the Myanmar government started complaining about violence by Rohingya militants. In late August 2017, an influx of Rohingya refugees into Bangladesh became an unstoppable flood.

Now, separated families depend on mobile phones

to remain together.

"My son can't call me whenever he wants. He has to call secretly" because he's being watched by his Buddhist neighbors, said 70-year-old Dildar Begum, who waited all day Wednesday for a call from her son on Eid al-Adha, a major Muslim holiday.

The call never came. Her family was also divided by chaos.

She, her son and his family had fled to the Myanmar-Bangladesh border as the crackdown grew more brutal. She climbed onto a boat to cross the Naf River with a group of refugees, but when her son went back to shore to grab his children, he was surrounded by a Buddhist mob and hustled away.

So she came to Bangladesh alone.

One year later, she just wants to see her son.

"If Allah wants we will meet again. My son might die, or I might die. Whatever is Allah's will we have to accept."

Myanmar has promised to take back all the Rohingya refugees, and has built camps for them on its side of the border, while Bangladesh says it will temporarily shelter and feed them.

The two countries agreed to begin repatriating them

in January, but that was called off amid concerns among aid workers and the Rohingya that their safety wasn't guaranteed.

The U.N. refugee agency has said that "conditions in Myanmar are not yet conducive for returns to be safe, dignified, and sustainable."

Aung San Suu Kyi, the Nobel Prize-winning leader of Myanmar, who has seen her image deeply tarnished by her government's reaction to the crisis, defended its actions again earlier this week, saying Rohingya militants remained a serious threat.

"We who are living through the transition in Myanmar view it differently than those who observe it from the outside and who will remain untouched by its outcome," she said in a speech in Singapore.

"The danger of terrorist activities, which was the initial cause of events leading to the humanitarian crisis in Rakhine, remains real and present today," she continued. "Unless this security challenge is addressed, the risk of intercommunal violence will remain."

Diplomats and aid workers say that while the Rohingya militants have launched some small-scale attacks, the counterstrikes by Myan-

mar have been overwhelmingly more destructive and deadly.

Myanmar, the international community says, now must create a situation where Rohingya feel safe to return home.

The Rohingya "need to have safety and security when they come back. They need to have freedom of movement. They need to also have a predictable and a clear pathway to a citizenship, to those who are eligible," Knut Ostby, the U.N. resident coordinator in Myanmar, told The Associated Press in an interview. "Basically, they need to be able to exist in society, as normal people when they come back."

A year after the flood of refugees, the camps have become functional towns, with shops, roadside restaurants and pharmacies. There are playgrounds for children and makeshift schools run by development agencies. More medical clinics are being built and many shanties have solar panels. Most people have at least some protection against monsoon landslides.

But people are still terrified and angry, facing a profoundly uncertain future. Many doubt they will ever go home.

Mohammad Arif ran a small grocery store in Myanmar and was comparatively well-off. Now, the only way he can see his old house is through video calls he makes to relatives and friends still living on the other side.

On Thursday, as he spoke to a cousin in Myanmar on a video call, he was told there was still a strong military presence in their village.

"I think there are anywhere between 100 to 700 (soldiers) here right now," his cousin told him.

"Ever since I came here, I have been suffering and have lots of tensions," he said. "But people who are still there are suffering even more than we are, because they are constantly thinking if they are going to survive or be killed." □

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2 typhoons weaken after pounding South Korea and Japan

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— A weakening typhoon brushed by metropolitan Seoul Friday after battering southern South Korea with heavy rain and high winds, leaving one person missing and a slew of damaged buildings, canceled flights and power outages.

Japan's weather agency downgraded a separate storm from typhoon strength after it crossed a swath of the western part of the country overnight.

South Korea's weather agency said Typhoon Soulik's force has diminished as it moved northeast but was still expected to pound the country's mountainous eastern region with strong



A windmill tumbles down at Hokudan Earthquake Memorial Park after Typhoon Cimarron hit Awaji, Hyogo prefecture, western Japan, Friday, Aug. 24, 2018.

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rain and winds before exiting the peninsula in the afternoon.

North Korea reported heavy rain in its east coast city of Wonsan and in

neighboring Munchon, which were lashed by 33.8 centimeters (13 inches) and 62.5 centimeters (24.5 inches) of rain respectively. No details were immedi-

ately available on whether anyone had been injured. The North's capital of Pyongyang, which is also its biggest city, received only a relatively mild rainfall Friday.

South Korea's government said a man in his 30s was injured and a 23-year-old woman was missing after she was apparently swept away in southern Jeju island Wednesday night. A 16-year-old boy was injured in Goheung, a southern mainland county, after a wall collapsed on Thursday. About 22,000 power outages were reported at homes, buildings and farms in the southern regions and more than 700 flights were canceled on Thursday. □

No major damages have been reported in Seoul and the surrounding metropolitan area, where about half of the country's 50 million people live.

The Japan Meteorological Agency said Cimarron, now a tropical storm, was back at sea and heading for northern Japan after bringing heavy rain and high winds to the port city of Kobe and elsewhere in western Japan overnight. The agency said Cimarron was moving north with maximum sustained winds of 90 kilometers (56 miles) per hour with gusts to 126 kph (78 mph). It was forecast to reach the northern island of Hokkaido on Friday night. □

Koreas begin second round of tearful family reunions

By HYUNG-JIN KIM

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— Elderly North and South Koreans wept and embraced each other on Friday at the beginning of a second round of temporary reunions of family members separated for decades by the Korean War.

More than 300 South Koreans traveled to the North's Diamond Mountain resort on Friday for three days of meetings with their long-lost relatives. Earlier this week, about 200 other South Koreans went to the scenic resort for similar reunions.

During Friday's meetings, Kang Jong Hwa, an 85-year-old North Korean woman wearing a tradition-

al hanbok dress, sobbed while touching the face of her 100-year-old sister from South Korea. "I cannot believe this," Kang said.

Two silver-haired brothers in their 80s also wept while surrounded by other relatives, while others asked each other about their lives in a rush of emotions.

"Thank you for being alive," Wu Ki-ju, a 79-year-old South Korean woman, said after seeing her 86-year-old North Korean sister in a wheelchair.

Participants in the latest reunions are to part again on Sunday, likely for good. The two Koreas occasionally allow elderly people to reunite with loved ones on the other side of the border,

but none has been given a second chance to meet. The previous family reunions were in 2015.

The separated families are a bitter reminder of the division of the Koreas, which were once a single country. The Korean Peninsula remains in a technical state of war because the 1950-53 Korean War ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty.

South Korea wants to expand the family reunions, but experts say North Korea is reluctant to do so because of worries that increasing their frequency will loosen its authoritarian control and cause it to relinquish a coveted bargaining chip in negotiations



South Korean Kang Jong-ok, 100, hugs her North Korean sister Kang Jong Hwa, 85, during Separated Family Reunion Meeting at Diamond Mountain resort in North Korea, Friday, Aug. 24, 2018.

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with the South.

This week's reunions were arranged as the rival Koreas take various steps aimed

at improving ties amid diplomatic efforts to end the stalemate over North Korea's nuclear program. □

Maduro's stepsons face scrutiny in \$1.2 billion graft case

By JOSHUA GOODMAN

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) —

As President Nicolas Maduro has pushed forward with his plan to rescue Venezuela's cratering economy, U.S. prosecutors are looking into whether members of his family were simultaneously benefiting from what they contend was a scheme to siphon off \$1.2 billion from the state-owned oil company, two people familiar with the U.S. investigation told The Associated Press.

The investigation, which gained momentum this week with a key guilty plea in Miami federal court, is part of a vast, multi-year effort by U.S. prosecutors to close the net on Maduro, who has largely dodged the allegations of corruption that have resulted in charges against several senior officials.

In court documents filed Wednesday, a Swiss banker named Matthias Krull admitted that he plotted with men identified only as "Los Chamos" — Venezuelan slang for "the kids" — to launder a \$200 million slice of stolen funds from the oil company PDVSA.

Los Chamos actually are Yoswal, Yosser and Walter Flores, the children of First Lady Cilia Flores from a previous relationship and thus Maduro's stepsons, according to the two Americans who discussed the case with the AP. They spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the allegations.

In a criminal complaint unsealed last month and as part of a factual statement filed with Krull's plea agreement, he and prosecutors refer to them as the "stepsons" of "Venezuelan Official 2," who the two Americans said is Maduro.

Maduro, his wife and her sons were not named in the complaint. But both sources said prosecutors are looking for any links between the first couple and what they believe is a network that funneled hundreds of millions of Venezuela's oil wealth into south Florida luxury real estate, at a time of widespread short-



In this May 24, 2018 file photo, Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro and first lady Cilia Flores greet media as they arrive to military parade at Fort Tiuna in Caracas, Venezuela.

Associated Press

ages and hyperinflation in the South American nation. Several of those assets already are being targeted for seizure, as well as about \$45 million at City National Bank of New Jersey and accounts in the Bahamas, the United Kingdom and Switzerland.

Information Minister Jorge Rodriguez, one of Maduro's closest aides, did not return repeated messages from the AP seeking comment. No contact information was available for Maduro's stepsons so they could not be reached for comment. In daily, hours-long appearances on state TV, Maduro has cultivated an image of himself as a plain-speaking everyman motivated more by ideology than personal gain. But that reputation began to change when two of his wife's nephews were convicted in New York in 2016 of conspiring to smuggle cocaine, exposing his little-known family life to the scrutiny of U.S. investigators for the first time. Corruption is rampant in Venezuela, and U.S. prosecutors have uncovered billions in fraud and bribes at PDVSA.

The Miami probe — the biggest money-laundering case ever lodged against

Venezuelan officials and their associates — comes as Maduro is under increasing pressure to resign and on the heels of an attack with explosives-laden drones that he has called an assassination attempt mounted by the U.S. and his opponents.

A Homeland Security investigator said in last month's criminal affidavit that the conspirators ginned up a currency-exchange scheme using fake loan agreements with the oil giant designed to embezzle about \$1.2 billion at a time of collapsing production levels.

At the center of the scheme, prosecutors contend, was Krull, a German national with roots in Venezuela. He was arrested in July at Miami's airport on a criminal complaint naming him and seven other defendants, as well as nine unnamed conspirators, some of them former PDVSA officials. Krull later agreed to cooperate with prosecutors and was charged with a single count of conspiracy to commit money-laundering, for which he faces up to 10 years in prison. According to court records, prosecutors arrested Krull based on information from

a confidential source who reached out in 2014 offering to surrender his take from the money-laundering scheme. Over the next two years, the unnamed individual secretly recorded some 100 conversations with several conspirators, including Krull, who until June worked in Panama for Zurich-based private bank Julius Baer.

Krull is described in the criminal complaint as a "high-level" banker who managed the wealth of several Venezuelan officials and "kleptocrats." He also was referred to as the "personal banker" for "Conspirator 7," who is described as the owner of a Venezuelan TV network and billionaire member of the so-called "boliburgues" that made fortunes under the Bolivarian revolution started by the late Hugo Chavez.

The two people familiar with the case said Conspirator 7 is Raul Gorri, who became president of Globovision shortly after he and others in 2013 purchased the popular network and softened its anti-government news coverage. Gorri's Miami lawyer did not return an email and attempts to contact him at Globovision were unsuccessful. □

In his plea deal signed Wednesday, Krull said that Conspirator 7 asked him in 2016 to help launder \$600 million from fraudulent business transactions with PDVSA. Later, he appealed to him for an "urgent solution" to move an additional \$200 million held in a European bank on behalf of other unnamed individuals. Krull said he joined the conspiracy after being introduced directly to Los Chamos at the offices of Conspirator 7. Krull said in the plea deal that it was explained to him how Los Chamos helped Conspirator 7 "solve issues with Venezuelan Official 2 by intervening with their mother, the wife of Venezuelan Official 2."

Krull's lawyer had no comment. Prosecutors in Miami did not return a phone call seeking comment. Julius Baer, which was not named in the U.S. complaint, said it fully cooperates with authorities but that it could not comment on potential client relationships.

Prosecutors say the embezzled funds involved in Krull's plea deal were generated by a 2014 loan that the oil company obtained in local bolivars from a Venezuelan shell company. Two months later, they say, PDVSA repaid the loan to a Hong Kong-based shell company called Eaton Global, which had taken over the loan, at an official exchange rate well above the black market rate used by the majority of Venezuelans when buying hard currency.

Prosecutors say that allowed Eaton, which they contend was controlled by the conspirators, to collect some 511 million euros from PDVSA — almost 15 times the original loan amount, according to Krull's plea and worksheets obtained by investigators.

One of the first lady's nephews was serving as PDVSA's vice president of finance at the time the loan was repaid to Eaton.

Cilia Flores' three sons range in age from 28 to 39. Two of them, Yoswal and Yosser, have kept a low profile and never occupied public office. □

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Trampolín, giving second chances



Source: culturaruba.com

ORANJESTAD — In May 2015, I arrived in Aruba, camera in hand, to become the new photographer for Switch Foundation. On my very first assignment I had the pleasure to meet the Job Coach for Trampolin pa Trabao, Lionel Rumnit. We spoke about his mentoring work with people with disabilities, and his efforts to support their active participation in the labor force.

Over the years, Lionel became one of my recurrent subjects. I witnessed deeply inspiring and intimate moments as he engaged with his clients and their broader community. I witnessed many instances of his dedication, as, without hesitation, he took the time to support his clients in their everyday lives, and even celebrated their accomplishments.

As a result of Lionel's commitment, his clients have achieved great successes: learning new skills, obtaining quality jobs, and improving their quality of life. This overwhelming programmatic success is a

testament to the idea that second chances make a big difference in the lives of individuals and the broader community.

As I reflect on these images, I find moments filled with compassion and dignity. In turn, I consider my experience in my own community, and reflect on the quality of my participation. I wonder: how can we support each other and build new roads for everyone to grow in a positive and productive way? I applaud this initiative and invite you to reflect on these images from TRAMPOLIN PA TRABAO.

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gardless of their limitations. By working at the foundation, people with a disability gain work experience and develop their social and cognitive skills. What's most important is that everyone has a lot of fun and can discover their own value and talents. For more information about this foundation visit their facebook page Trampolin pa Trabao.□



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In 2004 Latrobe hosted the 100th anniversary of the invention, the same year that it was certified as the birthplace of the banana split by NICRA (National Ice Cream Retailers Association). It also became the home of the Great American Banana Split Celebration, a huge event with food and events for everyone to take part in.



and a perfect excuse to indulge in it!

How to Celebrate Banana Split Day

Grab yourself an entire bushel of bananas, split them and circle a bowl with them, and fill that puppy with ice cream! Then top it with whipped cream, nuts, hot fudge, strawberry syrup, and anything else you can imagine, and sprinkle liberally with maraschino cherries. A bit much? Alright, if you're going to keep this deliciousness to yourself, maybe what you need is to enjoy it quietly at home. But for a special twist drizzle it with high proof alcohol and ignite it, because hot and cold are great companions. □

History of Banana Split Day

The Banana Split, surprisingly, has a very definite history, and we can pinpoint its origins to one David Evans Stickler in 1904, where he was serving as an apprentice pharmacist at Tassel Pharmacy in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Like most pharmacies of the day, it had a soda fountain attached, and it was in this pharmacy that he invented the banana split, which quickly became a hit with the students at Saint Vincent College nearby. Word of mouth made it spread like wildfire, and it soon became an American institu-

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Renaissance Aruba held a successful 5k Fun Run & Walk

ORANJESTAD — Renaissance Aruba in partnership with Wind Creek Aruba held its 5k Fun Run & Walk for their team members. 160 motivated and energetic members together with their family members gathered at the Fisherman's Hut at Malmok.

Excercising is important in order to maintain a healthy body and which in return will give energy to perform better at work. Besides this Renaissance Aruba and Wind Creek Aruba considered this event an excellent opportunity to extend the ties with team members. Such as the popular saying "Team Work, Makes the Dream Work", from this point of view a team that motivates each other will always succeed and raise each other in their work. It was a social sport event in which family members and their children and even their pets were part of it.

Participants received water and watermelons to refresh themselves during the

route but also the end. A healthy afternoon where also the management

teams of both Renaissance Aruba and Wind Creek were also part of it. □



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Amsterdam welcomed their new residents



AMSTERDAM — Each year a big group of students who graduated high school chooses to leave their native island in order to continue developing their studies. The majority goes to Netherlands and chooses for the capital, Amsterdam.

"From now on you are real Amsterdam residents, Welkom, Bon Bini, Welcome!" With these words deputy mayor Groot Wassink welcomed fifty youngsters from Curaçao, Aruba, Bonaire, Sint Maarten and Sint

Eustatius. The youngsters are starting their further education in September, entering a university, a university of applied sciences or a vocational education institute. Groot Wassink hopes the students will leave a footprint in the city,

because: "It is wonderful to receive something from Amsterdam but it is even better to offer something of yourself. It's the people who make Amsterdam: a pleasant city that is enjoyable to live in."

The City of Amsterdam has been organising these official welcome ceremonies since 2011 because the city has a special bond with the overseas islands. The city hopes this meeting will give these youngsters a good start. At their age it's quite a big step to leave behind everything they know in order to go and study in the Netherlands. As you can imagine this is not easy. But the students assured us that they are looking forward to it and they are filled with confidence.

Quotes from students:

"I choose Amsterdam because there is a good fencing school here. Fencing is

my hobby and I brought all my fencing gear from Aruba. I am going to study Nutrition & Dietetics at the Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences (Hogeschool van Amsterdam). I live with a group of fellow students from Aruba at the Campus Diemen." - Tirslain, 21 years old, first-year student from Aruba.

The ministers Plenipotentiary of Curaçao, Aruba and Sint Maarten were present and all held an encouraging speech about being proud coming from one of the Caribbean islands. Miss Amsterdam presented the Caribbean Amsterdam quiz on behalf of the City of Amsterdam.

The meeting took place in Amsterdam city hall and was concluded with an information market, featuring various educational institutes and network organisations presenting themselves. □

SPORTS



The debate over esports: Gamers or athletes?

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — What constitutes a sport? Who precisely is an athlete?

Ballroom dancing and bridge have tried to join the Olympic roster. Professional video gaming gathers for the International Dota 2 Championships this weekend, drawing fans and players from around the globe. Millions will stream the event online.

Those tuning in will see similarities with traditional sports — a stadium packed with cheering fans, analysts in headsets offering commentary.

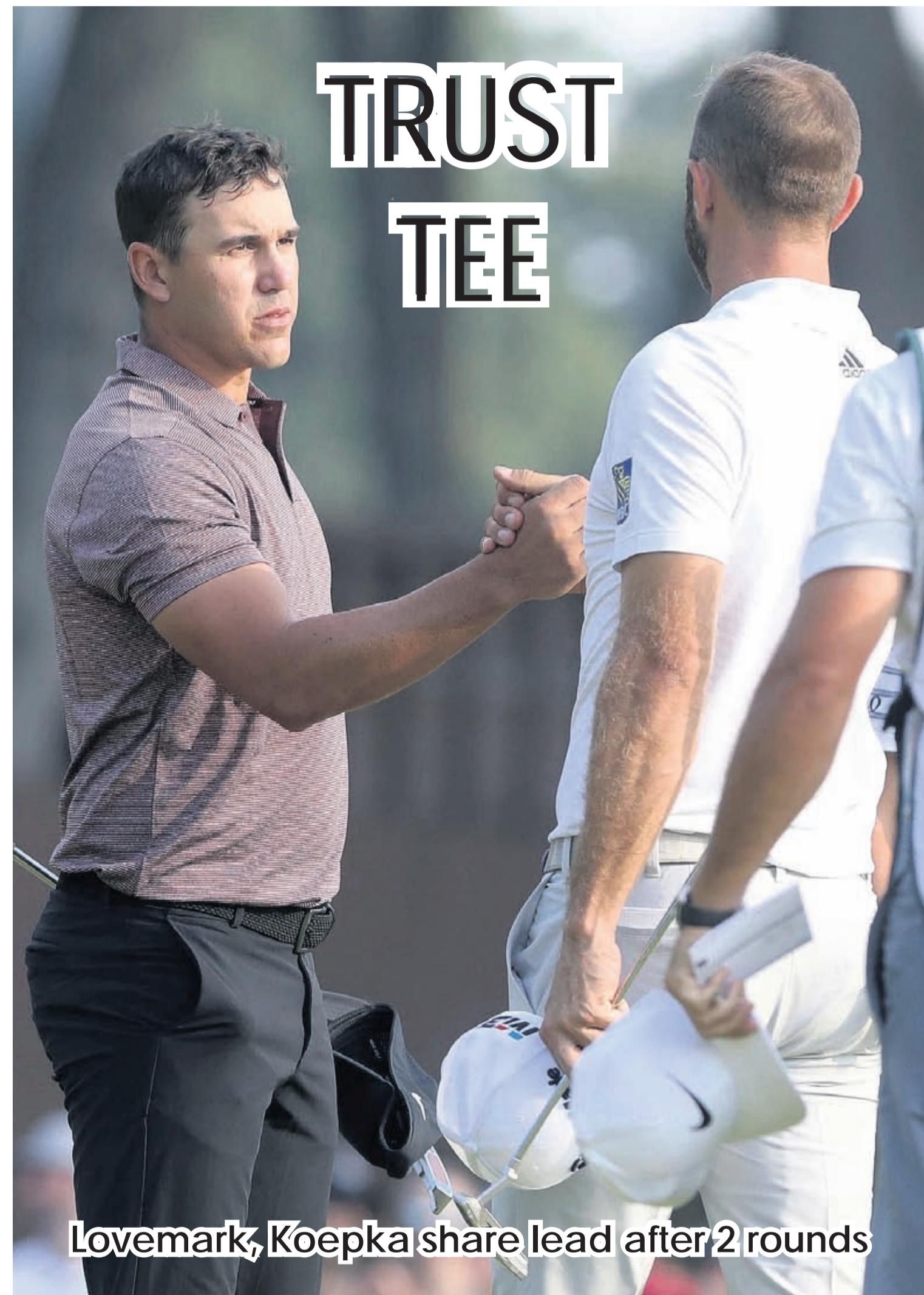
Some of that structure has been borrowed from other sports, said Erik Johnson of Valve, the company that created the "Dota 2" game and runs the tournament.

But there's a difference when it comes to competition. High-level gamers are tested on how they handle the pressure of being watched by millions of people as they compete for big money, Johnson said.

"It's not a physical test, it's a mental test for a lot of these players," he said.

Victor Goossens is the co-CEO of Team Liquid, which won the "Dota 2" championship last year. He said his players spend up to 12 hours a day practicing and studying their game and take care of their physical and mental health in the same way a traditional athlete does.

Goossens' group is always looking for a competitive advantage, so this year they teamed up with technology company SAP to develop software that would allow them to analyze their training and in-game performances. □



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Lovemark, Koepka share lead after 2 rounds

Brooks Koepka, left, shakes hands with Dustin Johnson after they completed the second round of the Northern Trust PGA tournament at Ridgewood Country Club in Paramus, N.J., Friday, Aug. 24, 2018.

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U.S. OPEN '18: Zverev leads group of up-and-comers in New York

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

Alexander Zverev has shown he can win run-of-the-mill tournaments and Masters titles, too. He's shown he can make it to the second week of a major.

What everyone is watching — and waiting — for now is a Grand Slam semifinal, final or trophy.

"Sascha Zverev," said Citi Open co-founder and chairman Donald Dell, using Zverev's nickname after the 21-year-old German won Washington's hard-court tuneup for the U.S. Open a second consecutive year, "is the future of pro tennis."

Zverev is seeded No. 4 at Flushing Meadows, where play begins Monday, and is widely considered the likeliest member of the latest generation of tennis pros to make a deep run at this U.S. Open after getting to his first major quarterfinal at the French Open. Zverev isn't alone, though. He's part of a crop of youngsters who might be ready to take over the sport from the old hands who have dominated it for more than a decade.

Stop us if you've heard that before, though.

"They're still there," Zverev said about the so-called Big Four of Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray. "Obviously, they're still contenders for every single tournament they play."

It's worth noting that Zverev



In this Aug. 5, 2018, file photo, Alexander Zverev, of Germany, celebrates after he defeated Alex de Minaur, of Australia, in the men's finals at the Citi Open tennis tournament, in Washington.

is one of only five active players who's won at least three Masters events. The others?

Federer, Nadal, Djokovic and Murray, who are all in their 30s and have combined to win 49 of the past 54 Grand Slam titles.

Men's tennis just keeps skewing older: Last month at Wimbledon, all four semifinalists were in their 30s, the first time that happened at any Slam in the half-century of professional tennis.

Ah, but look closely, and there are signs that change could be on the way.

"They're definitely knocking on that door," Federer said, "and there is some exciting talent around."

At the Citi Open this month, for example, Zverev's victo-

ry over 19-year-old Alex de Minaur of Australia made for the youngest final on the ATP World Tour since a 20-year-old Nadal beat a 19-year-old Djokovic at Indian Wells in 2007.

And the ages of the two losing semifinalists in Washington? Andrey Rublev is 20; Stefanos Tsitsipas turned 20 the following week at the Toronto Masters, where he became the youngest player to beat four top-10 opponents at one tournament since the ATP World Tour was established in 1990.

"Four 'NextGen' players in the semifinals. That's amazing for tennis, I think," Zverev said in Washington, referring to the marketing campaign the tour uses to pro-

mote up-and-comers. "Me being the oldest — that never happened to me before. It's interesting. And I like where tennis is going. I like the development of the other young guys. It's going to be interesting to see what it'll be like in the future."

Agreed. Zverev is one of seven men who are 21 or younger and ranked in the top 50.

Here's a look at the other half-dozen, each worth keeping an eye on during the U.S. Open:

STEFANOS TSITSIPAS
Country: Greece
Age: 20
Ranked: 15th (career high)
Plays: Right-handed; one-handed backhand

Career Titles: Zero
2018 Record: 30-20
Best Grand Slam Showing: 4th Round at Wimbledon in 2018
Best U.S. Open Showing: Making debut
His Words: "I am part of a group of (young) players that make me better — and I make them better. We have a very good competition among us. Without this, I probably wouldn't even be inside the top 100."

BORNA CORIC
Country: Croatia
Age: 21
Ranked: 20th (career high)
Plays: Right-handed; two-handed backhand
Career Titles: 2
2018 Record: 26-14
Best Grand Slam Showing: 3rd Round, four times
Best U.S. Open Showing: 3rd Round in 2017
His Words: "I learned by now that this is tennis and, you know, one week can be great; another one can be a disaster."

DENIS SHAPOVALOV
Country: Canada
Age: 19
Ranked: 28th (career high is 23rd)
Plays: Left-handed; one-handed backhand
Career Titles: Zero
2018 Record: 25-20
Best Grand Slam Showing: 4th Round at U.S. Open in 2017
Best U.S. Open Showing: 2017
His Words: "I'm only 19 and I've proved a lot to myself this year." □



In this May 29, 2018 file photo, Serena Williams of the U.S. returns a shot against Krystyna Pliskova of the Czech Republic during their first round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris.

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French Open says 'Non!' to Serena's black catsuit

PARIS (AP) — Serena Williams will no longer be allowed to wear her skin-tight black catsuit at the French Open.

The French Tennis Federation president, Bernard Giudicelli, says the tournament that Williams has won three times is introducing a dress code to regulate players' uniforms because "I

think that sometimes we've gone too far."

In an interview in Tennis Magazine's 500th edition, Giudicelli singled out the figure-hugging black suit that Williams wore this year at Roland Garros and said made her feel like a superhero. Giudicelli said: "It will no longer be accepted. One must respect the

game and the place." He said Roland Garros' new rules won't be as strict as Wimbledon's, which require that players wear white, but will "impose certain limits." Many player uniforms for 2019 have already been designed but Giudicelli said the FFT will be asking manufacturers for an advance look at them. □

Koepka powers into a share of the lead at Northern Trust

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

PARAMUS, N.J. (AP) — Brooks Koepka showed some muscle and unleashed a monstrous finish Friday to share the lead in The Northern Trust.

Tiger Woods missed yet another putt and was relieved to still be playing.

Koepka spent most of the second round trading birdies and bogeys, going nowhere. One swing changed everything on the 631-yard 13th hole at Ridgewood Country Club. From just under 310 yards, he swung 3-wood as hard as he could and saw the tight draw that had been missing all day. It stopped 20 feet from the hole, Koepka made it for eagle and then closed with three straight birdies for a 6-under 65.

He tied Jamie Lovemark, who shot a 66.

"I wasn't happy the first 11 holes the way I hit it," Koepka said. "When I hit that 3-wood, it all clicked. I felt like I was finally able to release the golf club. Just tried to hit as hard as I could, big draw. Aimed at the tree on the right and tried to draw it back to the flag. When I did that, everything started to click."

The U.S. Open and PGA champion took it from there.

Lovemark, winless in 135 starts as a pro, made five birdies in a six-hole stretch around the turn and was the first to reach 10-under 132.

Before long, a list of contenders lined up behind them in an entertaining start to the FedEx Cup playoffs.

Adam Scott, building on his confidence from playing in the final group at the PGA Championship, had a 64 for the low round of the tournament and was one shot behind. Another shot back was Dustin Johnson, the world No. 1, who had another 67 that for the second straight day featured a triple bogey on his card.

At least he got this one out of the way early, taking five shots from a mangled lie in deep rough behind the first green.

"That was not a fun start," Johnson said. "There was nothing to do but laugh at that point."

Bryson DeChambeau had a 66 and joined Johnson at 134. The group at 7-under 135 included Sean O'Hair, who is No. 112 in the FedEx Cup and needs to get to No. 70 by the third playoff event at the BMW Championship being played this year at Aronimink, his home club outside Philadelphia. He already is planning to play the member-guest a few weeks later, but O'Hair would love to play Aronimink for a \$9 million purse.

Woods was not part of the action, even though he hit the ball beautifully. Woods had a birdie putt on every hole until the par-3 15th, when his tee shot rolled just off the green against the collar. All he had to show for it was two birdies, giving him four birdies in 36 holes. He finished with a three-putt bogey from just inside 30 feet, giving him another 71. He made the cut on the number, leaving him 10 shots behind.

"The name of the game is you've got to make putts, and you've got to roll it," Woods said. "No matter how good your drive, you've still got to roll them and still got to make putts, and I didn't putt very well today. I had a hard time seeing my lines, and consequently didn't make anything."

Jordan Spieth made putts to get off to a good start, only to give it all back with a triple bogey on his 10th hole of the round at No. 18. Worse than pulling his tee shots into the trees, worse than the penalty shot, was Spieth sweeping in a 10-inch putt for double bogey only to stub the putter and move the ball only a few inches.

Scott continues to keep two putters in the bag, long

and short. The idea is to use the short putter for the medium-length putts that have been a struggle for him. At the PGA Championship and at Ridgewood, however, he has found a good stroke with the long putter and felt no need to change.

The biggest difference is confidence. He is starting to recognize the player who reached No. 1 in the world a few years ago, and only a month ago was getting closer to falling out of the top 100. The third-place finish at Bellin at least put him back in the top 50, but did a world of good between the ears.

"It's just been very hard to find that consistency for me this year, and I've been chipping away at it the last couple months and it all came good at the PGA," Scott said. "And teeing off this week, I felt the most confident of any tournament this year. I just couldn't wait to get up here, really."

Koepka knows all about confidence with two major trophies sitting at home in Florida. The knock has been that he hasn't won enough regular PGA Tour events, so he wanted to treat the FedEx Cup playoffs like majors in how he prepared, even down to renting a house and bringing his own chef, trainer and regular crew.

Five shots out of the lead, he tugged a tee shot into the left bunker on the reachable par-4 12th, and hit a clean sand shot to 3 feet for birdie. Then came a big drive on the 13th, and a 3-wood that carried him to his big finish.

Kevin Tway was the only other player to reach the 13th green in two. He shot 69 and was part of the group at 7-under 135.

"Sometimes it doesn't always go as perfectly planned as you'd like, and then you make one good golf swing, and all of a sudden you've got that feeling, you've got that rhythm and then you can build off that," Koepka said. □



Jamie Lovemark tees off on the eighth hole during the second round of the Northern Trust golf tournament in Paramus, N.J., Friday, Aug. 24, 2018.

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Foles throws 2 picks, champion Eagles lose 5-0 to Browns

By TOM WITHERS

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Super Bowl MVP has lost his magic touch. Nick Foles isn't playing like himself. Foles threw two interceptions in the first half and Philadelphia's starting offense — missing some key players — struggled again while waiting for quarterback Carson Wentz to return and the Eagles were beaten 5-0 on Thursday night by the Cleveland Browns. Foles, who replaced an injured Wentz last season and led the Eagles to their first Super Bowl title while becoming a cult hero, continued his ugly preseason. He did complete 13 of 17 passes for 127 yards, but he threw the picks and was sacked three times, stripped for a fumble and downed for a safety.

His overall statistics were better than a week ago against New England when he hurt his shoulder, but he made two poor decisions and hasn't led the Eagles' first-team offense to a point on 14 drives over three games.

"There are times where I'm feeling good, but I'm making some mistakes," Foles said. "It's as simple as that."



Cleveland Browns defensive end Myles Garrett (95) takes down Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Nick Foles (9) for a safety during the first half of an NFL preseason football game Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018, in Cleveland.

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The Eagles (0-3) committed four turnovers, allowed seven sacks and missed a field goal. With just two weeks left to get ready for their opener against Atlanta, the Super Bowl winners have work to do.

At this point, Foles, the unlikely hero from last season, will likely start the season as

the Eagles wait for Wentz, who recently began working in 11-on-11 drills, to be cleared following knee surgery.

Eagles coach Doug Pederson was upset with his team's offensive performance, not just Foles.

"I don't want to single out one player, so don't put

this all on Nick," Pederson said. "I'm disappointed in the offense. It's not what you want obviously in the third preseason week. We still want to evaluate and make sure we got the right guys in the right spots."

Cleveland had a familiar quarterback scare. Starter Tyrod Taylor injured

his left hand in the first quarter, and the sight of him heading to the sideline sent a shiver through fans in FirstEnergy Stadium. Rookie Baker Mayfield replaced him for two series before Taylor returned. Cleveland's starter finished 11 of 16 for 65 yards.

Taylor stayed in the locker room after halftime to receive treatment. He left the stadium before speaking with reporters.

Coach Hue Jackson said X-rays were negative but Taylor will undergo more tests Friday.

"I was very concerned, but I wouldn't have put him back in if I didn't think he was fine," Jackson said. "We'll continue to look at it and see where we are going into next week."

Mayfield, the No. 1 overall pick, played the entire second half and went 8 of 12 for 76 yards and an interception. He was checked for a concussion in the second half.

"Not my best game by any means," Mayfield said. "I'm disappointed in myself. I got in there with the first team and I've got to get the ball out quickly. Not my best game at all." □



Washington Capitals left wing Chandler Stephenson carries the Stanley Cup outside Elgar Petersen Arena during the Humboldt Hockey Day event in Humboldt, Saskatchewan, Friday, Aug. 24, 2018.

Associated Press

HUMBOLDT, Saskatchewan (AP) — A small Saskatchewan city devastated by a fatal bus crash involving its junior hockey team welcomed a trophy on Friday that fans no doubt hoped would one day be hoisted by one of their boys. Washington Capitals for-

ward Chandler Stephenson brought the Stanley Cup to Humboldt to recognize the community's strength and resilience after the April crash that killed 16 people — 10 of them players. But a quiet visit to the rural highway crossing where the Broncos' team bus and

Visit by Stephenson, Stanley Cup stirs emotion in Humboldt

a transport truck collided may have meant the most. A tweet from Philip Pritchard, official keeper of the trophy, shows the Cup sitting in the middle of a makeshift memorial composed of hockey sticks, crosses, flowers and flags.

"While their Stanley Cup dreams went unfulfilled, we thought we'd bring Stanley to them," Pritchard wrote.

"That means so much to me," said Kaleb Dahlgren, one of the 13 players who survived. "I know those people that lost their lives there would really appreciate that. I appreciate it too. "It's nice to honor that and it really does mean a lot."

Some of the survivors met privately with Stephenson

before the Cup was introduced to the public.

Stephenson, originally from Saskatoon and wearing a green "Humboldt Strong" T-shirt, was escorted by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as he carried the Cup into Elgar Petersen Arena.

Stephenson was joined by more than a dozen current and former professional players for Humboldt Hockey Day, which was organized by the NHL and the players' union to honor the town of 6,000.

Two of Stephenson's friends — Dahlgren and Brayden Camrud — were among the survivors. Chris Joseph, whose son Jaxon died, said that being back at the rink

was difficult but he's happy the Broncos are moving forward. Training camp for the upcoming season starts this weekend. "I'm happy that the Broncos are ... getting ready to play," Joseph said. "I think it's a big step for the town. I think it's a big step for the country. It's a big step for hockey."

The Broncos were on their way to a Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League playoff game in Tisdale when the crash occurred April 6.

Jaskirat Singh Sidhu, who was driving the truck, was not injured. He is charged with 16 counts of dangerous driving causing death and 13 counts of dangerous driving causing bodily injury. □



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Nola outpitches Scherzer, Phils top Nats in aces' duel

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Aaron Nola outdueled Max Scherzer in a meeting of All-Star aces, Odubel Herrera hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning and the Philadelphia Phillies defeated the Washington Nationals 2-0 Thursday.

Nola (15-3) was masterful in his matchup with the three-time Cy Young Award winner, allowing five hits and one walk. He escaped his biggest jam with his final pitch, striking out Bryce Harper with runners on first and second to end the eighth.

Nola struck out nine and finished with a 2.13 ERA — the exact same ERA as Scherzer.

Scherzer (16-6) was nearly as good in the first matchup of starters with at least 150 innings and a sub-2.25 ERA since St. Louis' John Tudor faced Mets ace Dwight Gooden on Sept. 11, 1985. Scherzer gave up two hits in seven innings and struck out 10, increasing his major league-leading total to 244.

Pat Neshek pitched a perfect ninth for his fourth save.

BRAVES 5, MARLINS 0

MIAMI (AP) — Rookie Ronald Acuna Jr. hit his 21st home run and got hit by another Miami pitch, though tempers stayed in check this time and Atlanta went on to win.

It was the first meeting between the teams since the Aug. 15 game in which Miami starter Jose Urena earned a six-game suspension by plunking Acuna on his first and only pitch. This time, no hysterics broke out. And in the end, it was more of the same for Sean Newcomb and the Braves when they face the Marlins. Newcomb (11-7) allowed two hits and struck out eight in

six shutout innings, improving to 4-0 with a 0.75 ERA in four starts against Miami this season.

Charlie Culberson and Ender Inciarte also homered for Atlanta, which remained three games ahead of second-place Philadelphia in the NL East. Marlins starter Elieser Hernandez (2-7) lasted three innings, giving up three hits — two of them homers — and three runs.

CUBS 7, REDS 1

CHICAGO (AP) — Cole Hamels tossed a complete game to continue his dramatic turnaround with NL Central-leading Chicago, which got home runs from Anthony Rizzo and Javier Baez to beat Cincinnati.

Hamels (4-0) allowed eight hits, struck out seven and walked two in his 17th career complete game and the first by a Cubs pitcher this season. His ERA in five starts with Chicago is 0.79. Rizzo went 2 for 2 with a walk and three RBIs.

Baez was 3 for 5, reached on an error and scored three runs. The homer, his 27th, was a mammoth 481-foot solo shot that cleared the bleachers just left of straightaway center.

The Reds jumped to a 1-0 lead in the first, but the Cubs quickly answered. After Baez reached on an error with one out, Rizzo hit the first pitch he saw from Anthony DeSclafani (6-4) into the bleachers in right. Baez's homer in the third made it 3-1.

ROCKIES 4, PADRES 3

DENVER (AP) — Ian Desmond hit a two-run, two-out homer in the ninth inning, and Colorado beat San Diego.

Desmond lined an 88-mph splitter from reliever Kirby Yates (4-3) over the fence in left after Trevor Story



Philadelphia Phillies starting pitcher Aaron Nola throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the Washington Nationals at Nationals Park, Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018, in Washington.

Associated Press

singled earlier in the ninth and stole second. It was Desmond's second career walk-off homer. His other was May 2, 2012, against Arizona.

Matt Holliday was in Colorado's starting lineup for the first time in a decade after having his contract selected from Triple-A Albuquerque. He went 0 for 3.

The Rockies overcame a baserunning blunder early and a costly error late to take two of three games from the Padres and move within one game of first-place Arizona in the NL

West.

Chris Rusin (1-2) worked a scoreless ninth to pick up the win.

GIANTS 3, METS 1

NEW YORK (AP) — San Francisco's Madison Bumgarner hit an RBI double for the only earned run off New York ace Jacob deGrom and topped him on the mound, too.

In his first appearance in New York since tossing a four-hit shutout in the 2016 NL wild-card game, Bumgarner (5-5) allowed one run on five hits in eight innings. He struck out eight

and walked none.

Bumgarner extended his scoreless streak at Citi Field to 33 innings before Todd Frazier homered to begin the seventh. The big lefty is 7-0 with a 1.42 ERA in eight starts against the Mets.

DeGrom (8-8) went six innings and exited with a major league-best 1.71 ERA. He allowed two runs overall on four hits, striking out 10 with a season-high four walks.

Will Smith worked around a two-out walk to Jose Bautista in the ninth for his 11th save in 13 opportunities. □

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Price, Red Sox double down on Indians 7-0

By The Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — David Price pitched eight shutout innings for his fifth straight win, backed by three bases-loaded doubles in a six-run fifth inning, and Boston beat Cleveland to split their four-game series.

After losing the first two games, Boston won twice in 20 hours to open a 9½-game lead over the idle New York Yankees in the AL East. The Red Sox, who have the best record in baseball at 90-39, have not lost four games in a row all season, and they are the only team in the majors that has not been swept.

Price (14-6) gave up three hits against the AL Central leaders and no walks, hitting a batter and striking out seven before leaving to a standing ovation after the top of the eighth.

Adam Plutko (4-4) matched him into the fifth, when Sandy Leon led off with a ground-rule double. Boston added three more doubles in the inning to make it 6-0.

TWINS 6, ATHLETICS 4

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — With

a two-run double by pinch-hitter Mitch Garver, Minnesota overtook Oakland starter Trevor Cahill in the fourth inning on the way to victory.

The A's lost consecutive games for the second time in more than two months and dropped 1½ games behind AL West-leading Houston.

Joe Mauer singled in the fourth to tie Rod Carew for second on the club's career hits list, driving in Minnesota's fifth run against Cahill (5-3). The right-hander took his first defeat since May 16, and the A's lost with him on the mound for the first time since June 2.

Khris Davis moved into the major league lead with his 39th home run, a no-doubt drive to start the second inning against Twins starter Kohl Stewart, who was removed with two outs in the fifth. Reliever Alan Busenitz (4-0) picked up the win.

Trevor Hildenberger shook off Jed Lowrie's two-out homer in the ninth to finish his fourth save in as many opportunities since



Boston Red Sox starting pitcher David Price delivers to the Cleveland Indians in the second inning of a baseball game, Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018, in Boston.

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closer Fernando Rodney was traded to the A's two weeks ago.

RAYS 4, ROYALS 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — A throwing error on Kevin Kiermaier's bases-loaded grounder in the ninth inning helped Tampa Bay complete a four-game sweep of Kansas City.

Jake Bauers opened the ninth by drawing a walk from Brian Flynn (4-4) and went to third on C.J. Cron's single.

After Joey Wendle grounded out and Willy Adames was intentionally walked to

load the bases, Kiermaier grounded a 3-2 pitch to first baseman Ryan O'Hearn, who made a wild toss to the plate.

Sergio Romo (3-3) worked a perfect ninth as Tampa Bay improved to a season-high six games over .500 (67-61) with its fifth consecutive victory.

Kansas City, which has lost 17 of 21, fell 52 games under .500 (38-90) and was eliminated from the playoff race.

TIGERS 7, WHITE SOX 2

DETROIT (AP) — Matthew Boyd pitched six score-

less innings and Ronny Rodriguez hit his first career home run to lift Detroit over Chicago.

Rodriguez also hit an RBI double, and Nicholas Castellanos and Mikie Mahtook homered off James Shields (5-15). All three of Detroit's homers were solo shots in the sixth inning.

Boyd (8-11) allowed six hits, walked one and struck out six.

Jose Rondon hit a two-run homer in the eighth for the White Sox, who fell to 3-10 this season against Detroit. □



Chicago Cubs' Yu Darvish warms up during the Great Lakes Loons at South Bend Cubs baseball game Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018, at Four Winds Field in South Bend, Ind.

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By JOHN JACKSON
Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Even though it meant a premature end to his first season

Yu Darvish relieved cause of his pain finally discovered

In Chicago, Yu Darvish said Thursday that he was relieved when an MRI revealed a stress reaction in his right elbow.

"At first, I was told it was a simple tightness, but I always knew there was something else other than the tightness," Darvish said through a translator before the Cubs played the Reds at Wrigley Field.

"With the diagnosis, I'm relieved to know what that something is."

Darvish has been sidelined since late May with what was at first diagnosed as triceps and elbow injuries. The Cubs were hoping to get the veteran right-hander back for the final

month of the season, but Darvish left a rehab start Sunday with Single-A South Bend after one inning and 18 pitches, complaining of elbow pain. He had an MRI the next day.

"I know what it's like, tightness in the triceps area," he said. "In the four to five weeks of the rehab process, the pain remained."

The 32-year-old Darvish signed a six-year, \$126 million contract with the Cubs as a free agent last offseason. The big contract and his performance this season before the injury — 1-3 with a 4.95 ERA in eight starts — didn't earn him the benefit of the doubt with fans. Neither did his struggles in

the World Series last season while pitching for the Dodgers (0-2 with a 21.60 ERA in two starts).

Writing in an emotional blog post earlier in the week, the Japanese player acknowledged that the criticism affected him.

"Every morning when I woke up, I would pray, 'I have to throw today, please let there be no pain.' Those were very gloomy days," Darvish wrote. "Meanwhile, the atmosphere around me had become, 'Is he faking an injury? Is it a mental problem?' Those words made it extremely difficult for me to stop and rest, and it really took a toll on me emotionally."

Darvish said Thursday that the failure of doctors to initially discover a significant injury caused him to doubt himself.

"Until the diagnosis, there were times when I thought it could be my mental side," he said.

Darvish said he was told that six weeks of rest should clear up the problem — no surgery is planned — and he is expected to be healthy for the start of spring training.

He was asked if he's looking forward to next season.

"It's really hard to think about next year at this point," he said. "Right now, all I can do is do what's best for my arm." □

Bare-knuckle fighting could be poised for a U.S. boom

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — David Feldman staged a bare-knuckle boxing match on the undercard of a mixed martial arts show at a Yavapai Nation casino in Arizona in 2011. The promoter offered the fight on the internet as a paid streaming option, just to see if anybody would watch it. Feldman claims the pay-per-view system crashed under the demand of hundreds of thousands of buyers worldwide trying to watch two men fight with their bare fists.

He didn't get paid, but that's when Feldman knew this archaic sport had a future.

"This sport is absolutely not for everybody to compete in or watch," Feldman said. "For some people, the blood, the fast pace and the excitement of the whole thing is not for everybody. But for the group that it is for, I think we deliver exactly what their appetite calls for."

After nearly a decade of patient work to get this primal version of boxing formally sanctioned somewhere in the U.S., Feldman's Bare Knuckle Fighting Championship debuted in Wyoming two months ago. The show captured wide-



In this Thursday, Aug. 16, 2018 photo, Bec Rawlings, right, of Australia, spars with her boyfriend Adrián Rodríguez, during a bare-knuckle training session at City of Angels Boxing Club in Los Angeles.

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ranging attention online, where it sold about 150,000 pay-per-view buys and drew heavy chatter on social media.

Feldman's BKFC promotion is staging a second show Saturday night in Biloxi, Mississippi, putting ungloved boxers in a ring for two-minute rounds filled with the primally compelling sound of flesh hitting flesh without padding or cushion. The

card features a mishmash of experienced fighters from other disciplines, including MMA veterans Bec Rawlings, Kendall Grove and Chris Lytle.

Twenty-five years after the UFC's debut, Feldman thinks regulated bare-knuckle boxing might be the next big worldwide thing in the so-called combat sports. British promoters have staged bare-knuckle

bouts for years, but the North American pay-per-view market usually is the ultimate goal for any promoter hoping to cash in.

Even before his second bare-knuckle show, it's clear Feldman has opened a door. Other North American companies are already rushing to get through it, but the veteran fight promoter believes he can build a company that

will last.

"I think it's whoever starts first, but starts right first," Feldman said. "Like I told my partners, we can't walk out of the starting box. We have to sprint. So if we sprint out of the starting box, it's going to be hard to catch us. And I think that's our model right now. We did sprint out of it on June 2, and now a lot of fighters are coming our way."

In BKFC's attempt to stay on top of a sport long dormant in North America, Feldman will put on a third show in October, and he hopes to stage a fourth in December. He plans eight shows in 2019, with four on pay-per-view and four on television. Feldman's goal isn't just to stage bare-knuckle fights, which he could do without state sanctioning. He wants to build a fight brand with a recognizable, stable product that will compel steady fandom, just as the UFC began to do in 2005.

"Look, there's going to be competition," Feldman said. "Just as long as they do the right thing, and do it the way that we did it, then competition is going to be great for us.

But because we came out so fast and so good, we did establish ourselves as the bare-knuckle brand right now." □



Phoenix Mercury center Brittney Griner (42) gets past the defense of Connecticut Sun center Jonquel Jones (35) during the second half of a single-game WNBA basketball playoff matchup Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018, in Uncasville, Conn.

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By The Associated Press

UNCASVILLE, Conn. (AP) — Brittney Griner and Diana

Taurasi each scored 27 points to help the Phoenix Mercury beat the Connect-

Griner, Taurasi lead Mercury past Sun, 96-86

icut Sun 96-86 on Thursday night in the second round of the WNBA playoffs.

The Mercury will face Seattle in the conference semi-finals, starting Sunday.

Stephanie Talbot hit a 3-pointer to tie it at 94 with 4:19 left.

Griner then scored four points and had a key block on Courtney Williams to give the Mercury a 92-86 lead with 1:11 left.

Taurasi improved to 13-0 in her career in deciding playoff games. The former UConn star got the team going early, hitting from all

over the court.

The game was a rematch of last season's second round contest that the Mercury won 88-83. In that game the Mercury didn't have DeWanna Bonner, who was out for the season while she gave birth to twins. On Thursday night she played nearly the entire game and finished with 23 points and 18 rebounds.

Courtney Williams led the Sun with 27 points, including a four-point play in the fourth quarter.

MYSTICS 96, SPARKS 64
WASHINGTON (AP) — Elena

Delle Donne had 19 points and 12 rebounds to help Washington rout Los Angeles, eliminating the Sparks from the playoffs.

Washington (23-12) will open a best-of-five series against Atlanta on Sunday. LaToya Sanders and Ariel Atkins each added 14 points for Washington. Candace Parker scored 16 points for Los Angeles (19-16). The game was played at George Washington University's Charles E. Smith Center because Capital One Arena is undergoing renovations. □

Samsung's \$1,000 Note 9 is great - but so is the cheaper S9

By ANICK JESDANUN

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — For \$1,000, the premium Galaxy Note 9 is a superb phone that showcases the best Samsung has to offer. It's also the phone most of you won't need. That's because you can get many of the same features in Samsung's Galaxy S9 for a few hundred dollars less. The Note 9, available Friday, is the Android smartphone for those who want the latest and the greatest. There's a larger battery, with a 21 percent boost over last year's Note 8 model. The Note 9 gets 128 gigabytes of storage, double what's in the S9 and Apple's iPhones. And of course, a large screen.

But there's not much "wow" beyond that. Smartphone innovation has slowed down in recent years. It's more noticeable with Samsung because the company spreads out those innovations between two major smartphones each year. One phone inevitably plays catch up with the other every six months.

So now we find that the Note 9 is getting the zippy processor and cellular speeds the S9 phones first offered earlier this year. It's also getting the S9's dual-aperture camera for better low-light shots as well as its



In this Aug. 7, 2018, file photo the Samsung Galaxy Note 9 and stylus are shown in New York. The stylus now acts as a remote control for triggering the camera shutter or pausing and forwarding songs.

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gimmicky, but super-fun, ability to take video with super-slow motion.

And the S9 starts at just \$720 through T-Mobile, and about \$800 through Verizon, AT&T and Sprint. A Plus version that's closer in size to the Note 9 costs \$840 to \$930.

True, the Note 9 offers a little more wowness. Its camera uses artificial intelligence to optimize colors and lighting for what you're trying to shoot, be it food, a sunset or flowers. Many low-light shots were even bet-

ter than what the S9 produced, even though both share the second aperture designed to let in more light when needed.

Of course, you're likely to see this feature in the S10 in about six months.

That brings us to one of the Note's remaining distinctive features, its stylus. It's useful for handwriting notes and signing documents on the screen. Now, it can control digital slideshows and music playback, too. The new stylus gets Bluetooth to double as a remote con-

trol. Selfies won't look as awkward when you don't have to reach for the on-screen button; just press the pen to snap the shutter.

Unfortunately, there isn't a lot the remote feature can do yet. It's a promising feature — but could remain mostly a promise if app developers don't take advantage of it.

Many past Samsung features failed to gain traction because app developers couldn't be bothered to make the tweaks needed. For instance, Air View was

supposed to offer pop-up previews just by pointing to an email and calendar entry, but it mostly worked only with Samsung's home-grown apps.

More recently, there's Bixby, Samsung's own digital assistant. While Samsung has worked directly with some services, including Uber and Spotify, on integrations, developers have largely prioritized Amazon's Alexa and the Google Assistant. It comes down to a chicken-or-egg problem: People need to see compelling capabilities to use a feature; developers need to see a strong base of users to spend the time developing compelling capabilities.

The stylus remains the Note's signature feature, with or without extensive remote capabilities. No doubt the new edition will appeal to die-hard Samsung fans, hard-core gamers and on-the-go executives who are on their phones constantly and need the battery and storage boost. Though the Note 9 uses the same processor as the S9, it has a new cooling system designed to let you use those faster speeds longer. But if you're not someone who needs all that power, you ought to take a second look at the cheaper, six-month-old S9. □

Australia bans Huawei from 5G network over security concerns

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Chinese-owned telecommunications giant Huawei has been blocked from rolling out Australia's 5G network due to security concerns.

The government said Thursday that the involvement of a company "likely to be subject to extrajudicial directions from a foreign government" presented too much risk.

Several governments have been scrutinizing Huawei over its links to the Chinese government.

The private Chinese company started by a former

People's Liberation Army major in 1987 suffered a setback in the U.S. market in 2012 when a congressional report said it was a security risk and warned phone companies not to buy its equipment.

Huawei has said it would never hand over Australian customer data to Chinese spy agencies, but the government's statement said no combination of security controls sufficiently mitigated the risk.

Acting Home Affairs Minister Scott Morrison said the government was committed to protecting 5G net-

works.

The decision also affects ZTE Corp, a Chinese maker of mobile devices.

Shenzhen-based Huawei, the world's largest telecommunications equipment supplier, had been banned from bidding for contracts for Australia's broadband network in 2011.

5G networks will start commercial services in Australia next year.

Huawei Australia tweeted that the decision was "extremely disappointing." Huawei Australia Chairman John Lord had said in June that rejecting one of the



In this Wednesday, July 4, 2018, photo, the Huawei logo is seen at a Huawei store at a shopping mall in Beijing.

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world's leading 5G suppliers could impact Australia's economic growth and productivity for generations.

In Beijing, Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang expressed "serious concerns"

about the decision and accused the Australian government of "making up excuses to create hurdles deliberately and taking discriminative measures in this regard."

Utilities pivot from power plants to grid work for profits

By EMERY P. DALESIO

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Electric utilities are pouring billions of dollars into a race to prevent terrorists or enemy governments from shutting down the power grid and everything that depends on electricity in America's hyper-connected society. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security detailed last month how Russian hackers have targeted the nation's energy grid. Officials said they could have caused major blackouts, but instead, the hackers appeared more focused on reconnaissance.

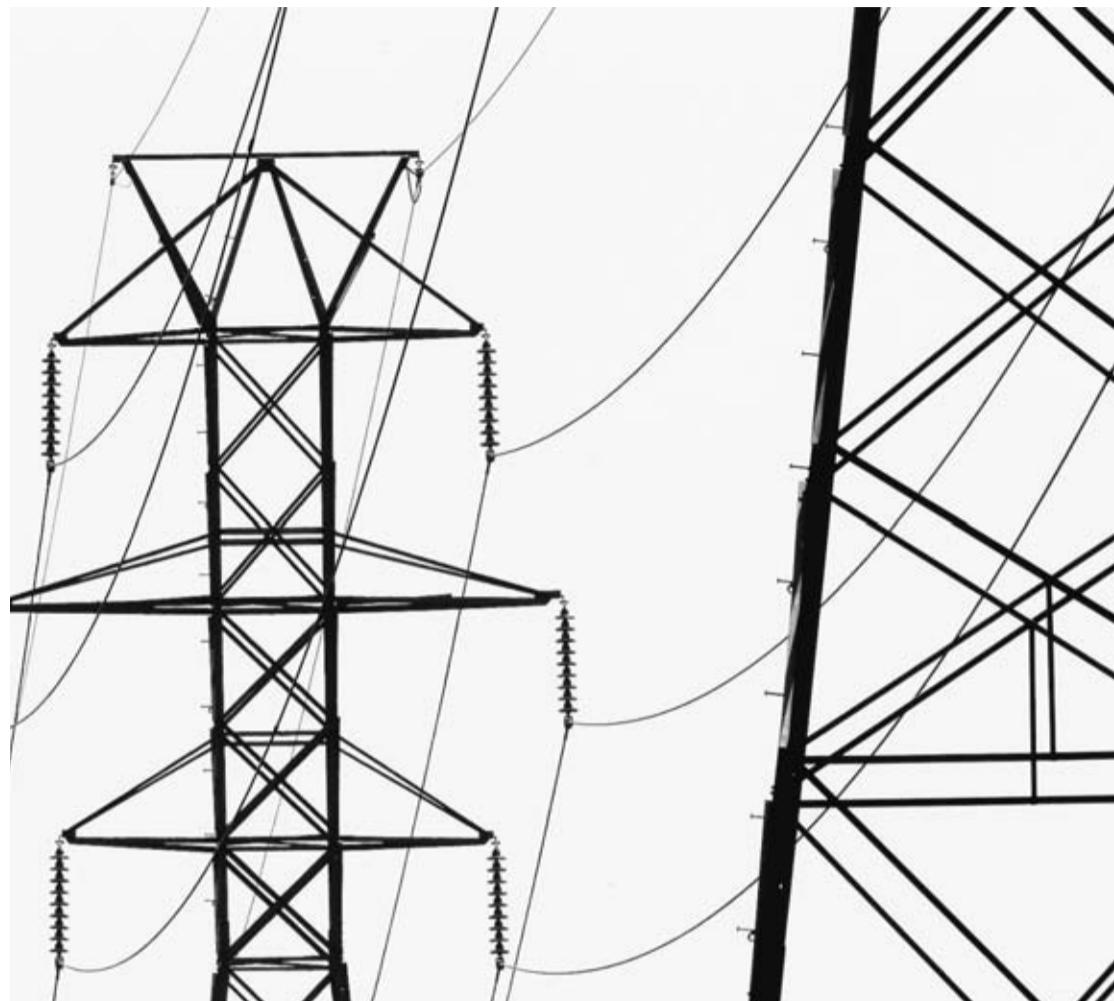
The concern over cyber-threats comes as power companies shift focus to pursue extensive upgrades in software, switches and wires to enable a much more flexible distribution of electricity.

That means the likelihood of rate increases for consumers. Utilities have long based their business on building power plants and selling the juice to customers, adding a regulator-approved profit margin to pay for it all. But the need for big generation projects has fallen after decades of energy conservation, fewer factories and the swapping of coal-fired power plants for cheaper and cleaner-burning natural gas.

So electricity companies are telling Wall Street they're shifting their business plans. Now they're having customers pay to replace aging equipment, block malicious hackers, minimize outages, accommodate the upsurge of wind and solar power and allow consumers more control over when and how much power they use.

The investment research firm SSR projects that increased investment in the distribution grid will be the primary source of growth for most utilities over the next five to 10 years. Those investments mean a stream of new revenue that could last decades.

"This infrastructure will provide significant benefits to our customers, including improved customer con-



In this photo taken Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018 power transmission lines deliver electricity along the Interstates 40 and I-85 corridor in Orange County near Hillsborough, N.C.

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trol and convenience, and cyber and physical security enhancements while creating thousands of jobs and supporting the state's economy," Duke Energy CEO Lynn Good told Wall Street analysts this month. Her spokesman declined an interview request.

The message that big spending is needed is amplified by U.S. government warnings of dire consequences if the grid isn't refashioned to make it tougher to black out and easier to restore. The Department of Energy's latest cybersecurity plan, a National Academy of Sciences report last year and advocacy groups like Protect Our Power are among the voices calling for sustained federal support for grid improvements. Congress created grants for "smart grid" investments a decade ago, but hasn't appropriated funds for them since the 2009 stimulus package.

"The grid" was essentially built to carry electricity in one direction, from power plants to homes and businesses over a network of poles, wires and high-volt-

age transmission equipment. Now it has to be updated to accommodate renewable energy that can surge and flow in many directions, be stored in massive batteries and even move in reverse as solar-equipped homes and businesses sell their excess power.

Key pieces of equipment, such as transformers and transmission wires, are 25 years or older. And hackers aren't the only threat: The power supply must be protected against physical attacks, from criminals shooting out transformers to severe weather and even solar storms.

"Old infrastructure needs to be replaced. It's that simple. And that's terrific for the industry, because companies do earn a very competitive rate of return on new investment and so there's a reason to invest," said Ronald Silvestri, managing director of global equity research at investment management firm Neuberger Berman.

"This gives the sector a very long tail of attractive growth for many years."

More than three dozen regulated electric companies last year devoted almost half their more than \$120 billion in total capital spending to grid improvements, according to the Edison Electric Institute, the trade association for investor-owned utilities. Spending on new power plants fell to less than a third of the total, the trade group said, as electricity demand decreased to its lowest since Recession-marred 2009.

Some of the fastest-growing utilities over the past decade, including American Electric Power, California's Edison International and Florida's NextEra Energy, are the same ones that led the way into grid upgrades, said Eric Selmon of SSR. Profits over the next decade will hinge on increased investment in updating and modernizing the distribution grid, Selmon said.

"We're at the early stages of infrastructure modernization. It's a multi-decade theme that I believe is being vastly underappreciated," Silvestri said.

Columbus, Ohio-based

American Electric Power plans to invest nearly \$18 billion in grid improvements in the next four years, across 11 states from Virginia to Oklahoma. AEP said it delivered a total shareholder return of 21 percent in 2017, and the investments will help keep profits growing at 5 percent to 7 percent year after year, chairman and chief executive officer Nicholas Akins said.

Charlotte-based Duke Energy plans to invest \$25 billion on grid improvements over the next decade across its territories in the Carolinas, Florida, Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

Utilities won't say exactly how they plan to thwart hackers, but their defenses partly include installing more "smart-grid" communication technology across the network, such as remote sensors and transmission equipment that can better detect suspicious activity and automatically reroute power around outages, Duke Energy said.

Duke Energy already is collecting grid modernization charges in Florida, Ohio and Indiana. But North Carolina regulators this year wouldn't approve the company's proposal to start charging the average household an extra \$3,000 to \$4,000 over the coming decade to bury power lines and modernize electricity delivery systems.

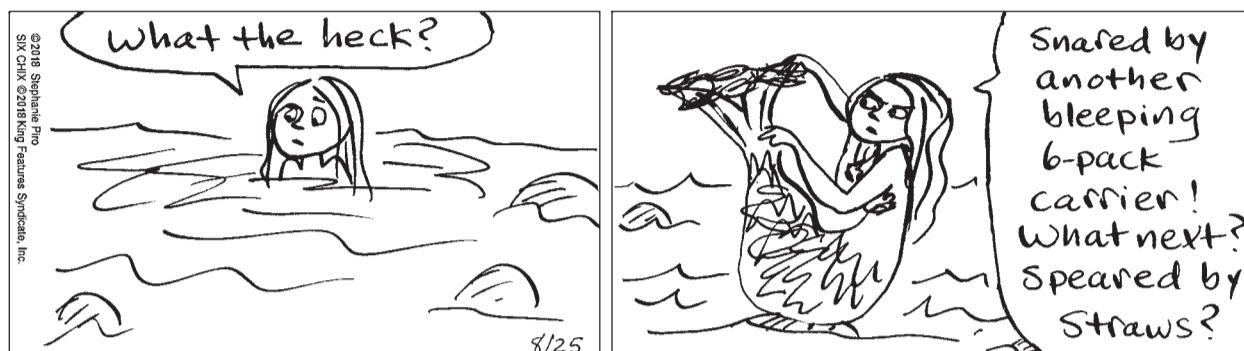
Good has told analysts Duke Energy can deliver profit growth of around 6 percent a year if state regulators approve the spending and associated profit margins the company wants on grid investments. That compares to an average annual return of 8.3 percent over the past decade for companies on the S&P 500 Index. Including stockholder dividends, Duke Energy's return should be more like a steady 8-10 percent a year, the company is telling investors.

"I see over the next decade more investment in the grid, relatively, than any other part of the supply chain of electricity," Good said in June at a talk in Washington. □

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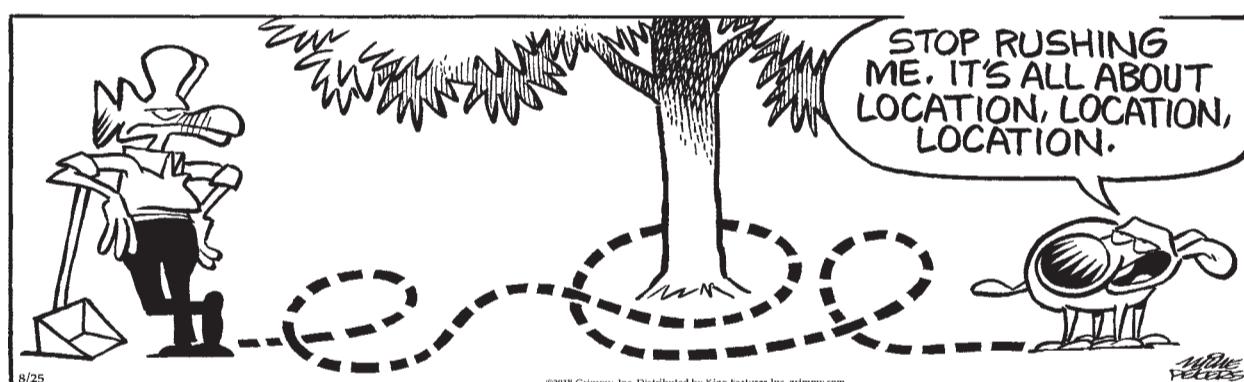
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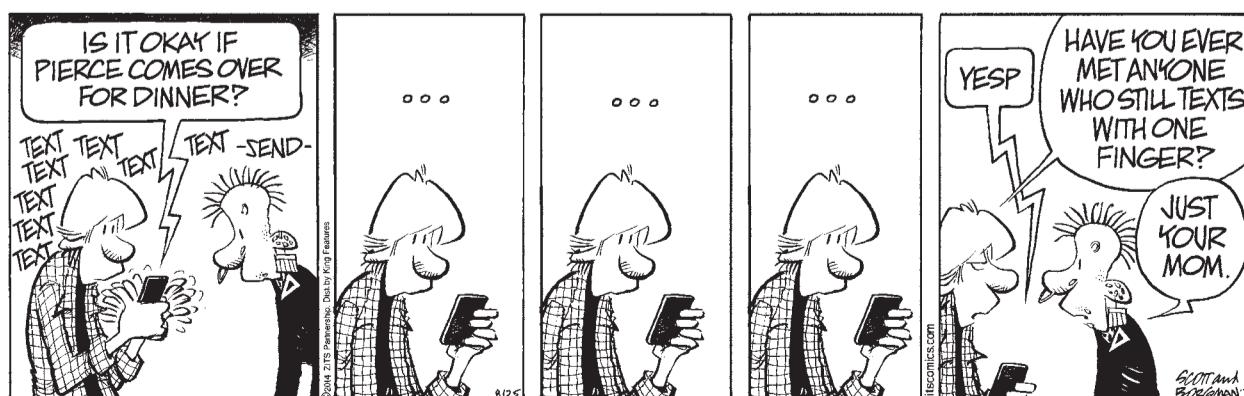
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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- 32 Move over a bit
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- 39 2018 & others: abbr.
- 40 Piece in a kaleidoscope
- 41 Invoices
- 42 Grinned
- 44 Take into custody
- 45 At the present time
- 46 Copper-and-zinc alloy
- 47 Not neat
- 50 Baby kangaroo
- 51 Play on words
- 54 Charge of wrongdoing
- 57 Leo XIII or Plus X
- 58 Scorch
- 59 Greek letter
- 60 Owl's cry
- 61 Partial amount
- 62 Solemn promises
- 63 Traveler's stops

Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Friday's Puzzle Solved

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White storks leave Polish nests early after hot, dry summer

By VANESSA GERA

Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — White storks that have nested in Poland are heading south for the winter earlier than usual after an especially hot, dry summer, a development experts are linking to climate change. Poland has a large population of white storks that arrive from Africa every spring and nest all summer before returning south by the end of August.

Gabriela Kulakowska, an ornithologist with the Polish Society for Bird Protection, said storks in many cases have departed about two weeks earlier than usual this year.

"The nests in the villages are already empty," Kulakowska said Tuesday. "Ornithologists say they have never seen anything like this."

She said that if the weather this summer is a result of climate change, "then this year's early journey is also an effect of climate change."

There is some disagreement about why exactly they are leaving early.

Because summer also came early, Kulakowska said the birds have had good conditions for breeding, feeding and growing their chicks, and gathered the energy stores early to begin their long flight back



In this Thursday, Aug. 24, 2017 photo a stork walks on a field in the early morning near Bierun, Poland.

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to southern Africa.

Monika Klimowicz, with the Polish Society for the Protection of Birds, noted that this summer's dry spell has meant there have been fewer insects, snakes, lizards, frogs and small mammals for the storks to feed on.

Klimowicz said her organization has also observed the birds departing early and said that "most of the nests are already empty now."

There are some 50,000 white storks that visit Poland every summer, making up some 20 percent of the world's population. The numbers, however, are declining.

The birds are much loved in Poland and a key element in folk beliefs and iconography.

People believed that if storks nested on their homes, it brought them good luck — and children.

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Science Says: Hawaii hurricanes rare, but getting less so

By SETH BORENSTEIN

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hurricanes seldom get close to Hawaii and it's even rarer for one of the islands to take a direct hit.

Hurricane Lane is already drenching and pummeling the island chain, even without reaching land.

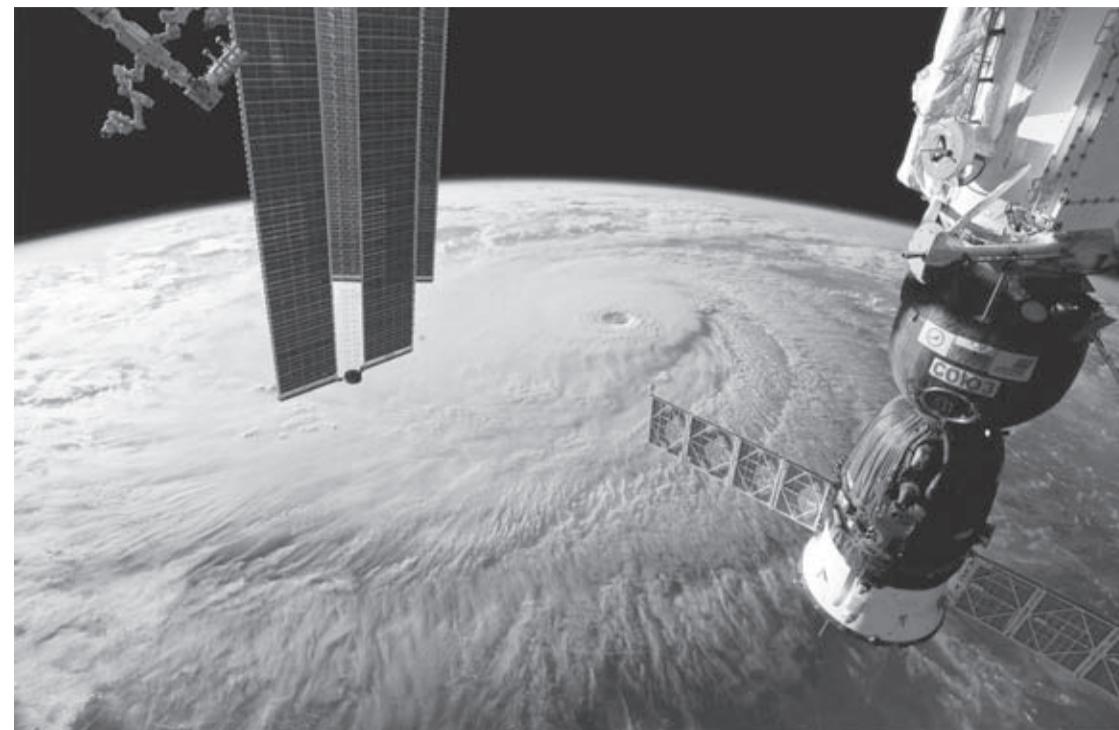
The last time a major hurricane hit Hawaii was in 1992 when Category 4 Iniki caused billions in damage. On average, the central Pacific hurricane region, which includes Hawaii, sees about four or five storms moving through, but that may be changing with global warming.

A look at the hurricane season in Hawaii:

WIND IS KEY

Usually wind is what keeps storms from threatening Hawaii. Most eastern Pacific hurricanes form in the warm waters off Mexico and head west. But before they get too far, wind currents usually cause them to circle back toward the coast. The storms that stay a bit further south are the rare ones that make it to the central Pacific, said Princeton University climate scientist Gabe Vecchi.

This year, those winds aren't quite steering storms back east. Add to that weaker than normal winds aloft — about where airplanes fly — that usually shred storms. Winds at that level would normally be 23 mph to 29



This image provided by NASA on Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018 shows Hurricane Lane as seen from the International Space Station.

Associated Press

mph (27 to 47 kph). Now, they are less than half as strong, allowing storms to stay alive, explained Colorado State University hurricane scientist Phil Klotzbach.

That also happened in 2014 and 2015, which were busier than normal years for storms getting close to Hawaii. There were four in 2015 and three in 2014, including Iselle, which hit the Big Island but was a weakened tropical storm.

But the central Pacific is a big area and the islands occupy a small area, so most storms aren't likely to come too close.

WARM WATER

Hurricanes are fueled by warm water. The water temperature in the region is about 2 to 3.5 degrees (1 to 2 degrees Celsius) warmer than normal, according to Vecchi. That was also the case in 2014-2015. "We've come to learn that an unusually warm ocean in the subtropical Pacific will tend to increase the number of hurricanes around Hawaii," Vecchi said.

The Pacific has more storms during a strong El Nino, a weather event that warms the water. Meteorologists expect an El Nino to form in the next couple months, but right now El Nino conditions are still more neutral than hot. Vecchi and others attribute the warming to a natural cousin of El Nino, with help from climate change. When it comes to hurricane activity in the central Pacific, warming from that north-south weather pattern is much more connected to causing more storms than east-west El Nino, Vecchi said.

THE SEASON

So far this year, the entire eastern Pacific region, which includes the central region, is much more active with more storms, stronger ones and longer lasting ones than normal, Klotzbach calculated. On average, the region gets 15 named storms for the total season. Lane, which formed Aug. 15 far off Mexico, is already the 12th named storm and the second to get close to Hawaii. In contrast, the Atlantic region is running around its average for this point in the season, with stormy conditions slowing down recently. Storms get named when winds reach 39 mph (63 kph).

August is the biggest month for central Pacific hurricanes, compared to September for the Atlantic. The central Pacific hurricane season runs from June through November, just like the Atlantic. The eastern Pacific runs from May through October.

CLIMATE CHANGE

While climate scientists are reluctant to link individual weather events or even seasons to global warming, they can make the connections with elaborate detailed studies. National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration climate scientist Hiro Murakami, Vecchi and others studied the 2014 hurricane season around Hawaii and found it was "made substantially more likely" by climate change caused by emissions from burning coal, oil and gas, with a natural boost from El Nino.

In a study last year, they also connected global warming to 2015's record number of major storms in the region, including three Category 4 hurricanes in the central and eastern Pacific at the same time. These studies are limited because of weak records of storms in the area before 1970, Vecchi said.

WHAT'S AHEAD

Many climate studies recently predict that as the world warms, the globe overall and the Atlantic region will have fewer named storms but more intense ones. However, the central Pacific bucks that prediction.

Several studies forecast that the central Pacific will become busier with more storms, stronger storms and faster developing ones, Vecchi said. A Murakami study used computer simulations to predict a noticeable increase in storms around the Hawaiian Islands.

It's once again because of winds and water. The water in the region is predicted to warm faster than elsewhere around the globe because of a weakening of trade winds, Vecchi said. □

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Prince's family sues doctor who prescribed him pain pills

By STEVE KARNOWSKI

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The family of the late rock star Prince is suing a doctor who prescribed pain pills for him, saying the doctor failed to treat him for opiate addiction and therefore bears responsibility for his death two years ago, their attorney announced Friday.

Prince Rogers Nelson died of an accidental overdose of fentanyl April 15, 2016. Authorities say Dr. Michael Schulenberg admitted prescribing a different opioid to Prince in the days before he died, oxycodone, under his bodyguard's name to protect the musician's privacy. Schulenberg has disputed that, although he paid \$30,000 to settle a federal civil violation alleging that the drug was pre-

scribed illegally.

The lawsuit filed in Hennepin County District Court this week alleges that Schulenberg and others had "an opportunity and duty during the weeks before Prince's death to diagnose and treat Prince's opioid addiction, and to prevent his death. They failed to do so."

According to the complaint, which was first reported by ABC News.com, Prince's family seeks unspecified damages in excess of \$50,000.

An attorney for Prince's six surviving siblings said Friday that the new lawsuit will eventually replace a lawsuit they filed in April in Illinois to beat a legal deadline. A week before he died, Prince lost con-



In this May 19, 2013, file photo, Prince performs at the Billboard Music Awards at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas. Associated Press

sciousness on a flight home from playing a concert in Atlanta. The plane made

an emergency stop in Moline, Illinois, where he was revived at Trinity Medical

Center with a drug that reverses opioid overdoses.

"Prince lived in Minnesota all his life and passed away here, so we always thought his family's lawsuit belonged in Minnesota," attorney John Goetz said in a statement. He said they now have sufficient legal grounds to pursue the lawsuit in Prince's home state. Schulenberg's attorney, Paul Peterson, said Friday that they believe the lawsuit has no merit.

"We understand this situation has been difficult on everyone close to Mr. Nelson and his fans across the globe," he said in a statement. "Be that as it may, Dr. Schulenberg stands behind the care that Mr. Nelson received. We intend to defend this case." □

Ryan Culwell captures an American moment's essence

By SCOTT STROUD
Associated Press

Ryan Culwell, "The Last American" (Missing Piece Records)

The list of legendary musicians who migrated from Texas to Nashville to make it big is so long you'd think the journey was easy. It is not.

Just ask Ryan Culwell, whose 2015 album, "Flatlands," was so good it seemed to rise with the heat right out of the Texas

dust. But it might have had more glowing reviews than turns on the radio, this being the state of commercial country music these days. But now, after supporting himself with a series of odd jobs, including a turn as a Nashville pedal-tavern driver, the Texas native is back with another fine record. His latest, "The Last American," may not be quite as Texan as "Flatlands," but it fits the present moment better.

Culwell ranges around on this one, maybe a little too much. As he migrates from the rocking "Can You Hear Me" to the angry "Dig a Hole" to the gentle lullaby of "Moon Hangs Down," it sometimes feels like he's trying on styles. But Culwell's talent is obvious throughout, and the timing feels right for a canon of intelligent, rough-edged songs about the frustration, the yearning, the turmoil and the stress of

living at this complicated moment in America — armed only, as he sings in the title cut, with "my old man's heart and a broke-down Chevrolet." With lyrics that good and a voice as honest as a Panhandle sunset, Ryan Culwell keeps making important music. If he stays the course, his work will find its way. □



This cover image released by Missing Piece Records shows "The Last American," by Ryan Culwell.

Associated Press

Stevie Wonder, Faith Hill among all-star lineup for Franklin

NEW YORK (AP) — An all-star lineup that includes Stevie Wonder, Faith Hill, Jennifer Hudson, Fantasia, Shirley Caesar and many more will perform at Aretha Franklin's funeral next week. The Queen of Soul's service will be held in Detroit on Aug. 31. Also slated to perform are Ron Isley, Chaka Khan, Yolanda Adams, Jennifer Holliday and Franklin's son, Edward Franklin.

The list was provided to The Associated Press on Thursday by Franklin's long-time publicist, Gwendolyn Quinn. The service will reflect Franklin's strong gospel roots. Among the gos-



This photo shows, Yolanda Adams, Fantasia, Faith Hill and Jennifer Holliday, Jennifer Hudson, Ron Isley, Chaka Khan and Stevie Wonder, who will perform at Aretha Franklin's funeral at Greater Grace Temple in Detroit on Aug. 31.

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pel stars performing will be Marvin Sapp, the Clark Sisters and Vanessa Bell Armstrong. The Aretha Franklin Orchestra and the Aretha Franklin Celebration Choir are also on the program, as are singers Audrey DuBois Harris and Alice McAlister Tillman. The service will be held at Greater Grace Temple. Franklin died of pancreatic cancer last Thursday at age 76 in Detroit. The funeral will cap a week of remembrances for Franklin. A public viewing will be held at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History on Tuesday and Wednesday.

A public concert at Chene Park amphitheater is scheduled for Thursday. The Four Tops will be among those performing at Thursday's concert. Abdul "Duke" Fakir said he was honored that his famed Motown group was invited to perform. The lone, surviving original member of the quartet said he and his bandmates shared a special bond with Franklin on stages and in studios over the decades.

"I'm happy — we always love to do anything we can for 'little sis,'" he said, adding that the performances "should be awe-inspiring." □

Robin Leach of 'Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous' dies

By REGINA GARCIA CANO
ANDREW DALTON

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Robin Leach, whose voice crystallized the opulent 1980s on TV's "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous," died Friday. He was 76.

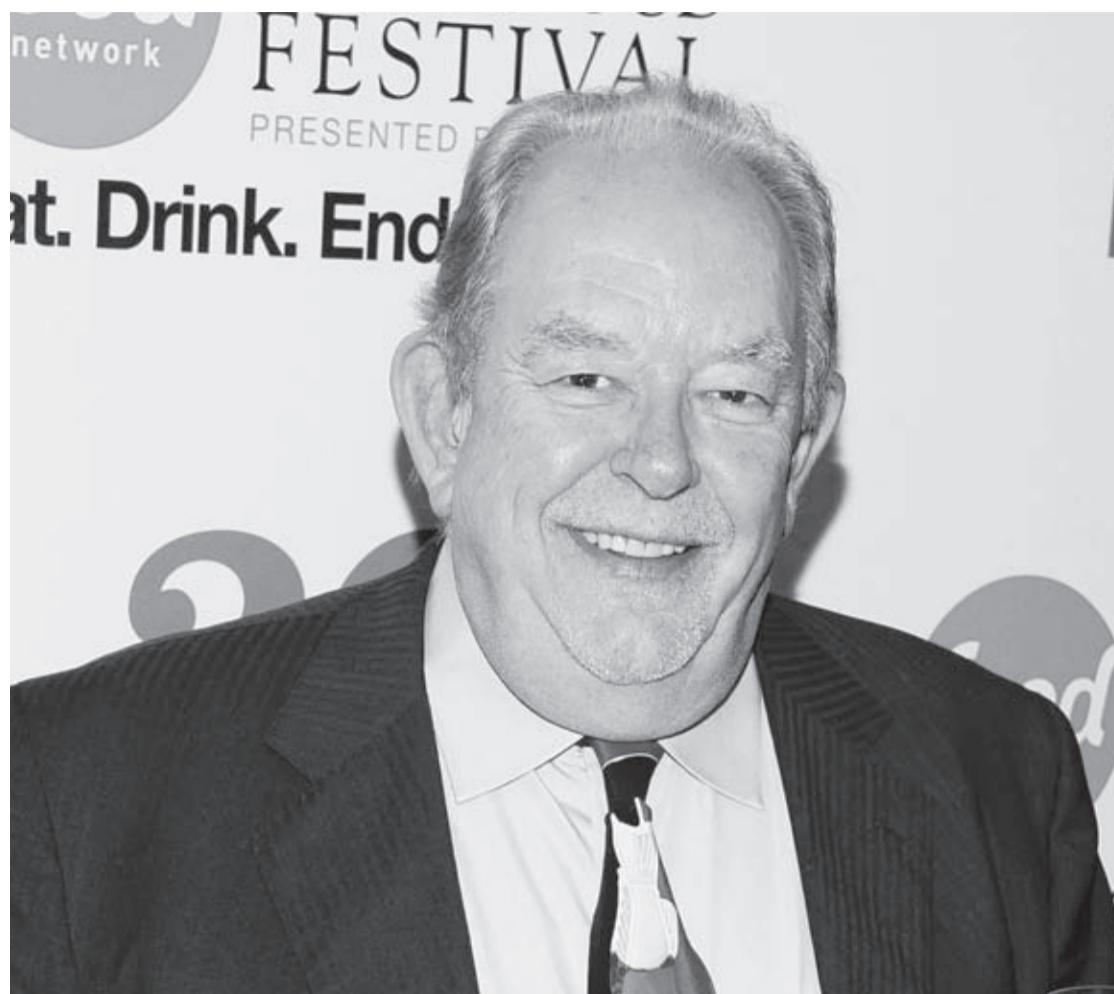
Leach's family said through a public relations firm that he died in Las Vegas, where he made his home.

Leach had a stroke in November while on vacation in Mexico that led to a months-long recovery, much of which he spent at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio before returning to Las Vegas in June.

The Las Vegas Review-Journal, which ran Leach's columns before he became ill, said he suffered another stroke Monday.

"Champagne wishes and caviar dreams" was Leach's sign-off at the end of every episode of his syndicated show's decade-long run that began in 1984.

The catchphrase captured excesses and sometimes gaudy style of the 1980s, a time before oil billionaires, titans of industry and Wall Street traders gave way to



In this Oct. 17, 2013 file photo, Robin Leach attends the Food Network's 20th birthday party in New York.

Associated Press

sneaker-wearing tech execs as the world's richest people.

Leach appeared occasionally on the show, but he and his unmistakable English-accent narrated throughout, taking wishful viewers on tours of mansions with diamond-crusted chandeliers, yachts with Jacuzzis, and champagne that ran to four figures. It was much like rap videos would do in future decades.

Leach and producer Al Masini coined the catchphrase and conceived of the show.

"He asked me if I could get magnates T. Boone Pickens or Sam Walton to do the show," Leach told The Huffington Post in 2016. "In my naivete, I said, 'Of course.' And thus, 'Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous.'"

Leach said in later years that someone still shouted "champagne wishes and caviar dreams" at him almost daily. He was constantly parodied, and like other distinctive voices of the age like Arnold Schwarzenegger and Howard Cosell, everyone had a Leach impression.

"Saturday Night Live" consistently satirized him through

the years, with Harry Shearer as a subdued Leach hosting "Lifestyles of the Relatives of the Rich and Famous" in the 1980s, and Dana Carvey as a brash, shouting Leach on "Weekend Update" in the 1990s. Even decades later, in 2011, Snoop Dogg spotted Leach at a news conference in Las Vegas and was thrilled, rushing to grab the mic and breaking out his impression, touting his career earnings in an over-the-top English accent.

"Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" was the core of Leach's career that spanned six decades and included stints with CNN, People magazine, Entertainment Tonight and the Daily Mail, where he began as a writer in Britain at 18.

In the mid-1970s, he tried out TV as a regular contributor to "AM Los Angeles" with hosts Regis Philbin and Sarah Purcell, and found his calling. He became a regular on television's morning news and entertainment shows, practicing a sort of tabloid journalism that was more celebratory and light-hearted than tawdry. He often became friends with the celebrities he covered. Then, in 1984, he landed "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" and gained his own fame.

The gaudy show became wildly popular, but never with critics.

"They wrote that television had reached an all-time low," Leach told The Huffington Post. "But I looked at the ratings every Monday morning, and I was rubbing my hands with glee."

He was also an executive producer and occasional writer on the show, and hosted a brief spinoff, "Runaway with the Rich and Famous."

For the show's final year, with producers looking to liven up the aging property, he had a younger co-host, actress Shari Belafonte. The show was retitled "Lifestyles with Robin Leach and Shari Belafonte" but the new look didn't save it.

In 1999, Leach went to Las Vegas to work with celebrity chefs at the Venetian casino-resort, and made the move permanent, becoming a fixture in the city as he covered the destination's entertainment and lifestyles for America Online and his own website. He also wrote for the Las Vegas Sun and, most recently, for the Las Vegas Review-Journal.

He made frequent appearances on the celebrity reality TV circuit, hosting VH1's "The Surreal Life: Fame Games" and appearing on the celebrity editions of "Wife Swap" and "Who Wants to be a Millionaire." He was among the founders of the Food Network, selling his equity for a big payday when the channel took off.

Married once and divorced, Leach spent much of his later years in the company of his three sons, Steven, Rick and Greg, and several grandchildren.

"There is this image of a guy in a hot tub, drinking champagne with two buxom blondes," Leach told the Las Vegas Sun in 2011. "But that is not the real me. I am a father, and I am a grandfather, too." □

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Movie star's lifestyle reversal sparks a debate in Egypt

By MENNA ZAKI
Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Hala Shiha quit the glamorous film industry a decade ago to embrace a more religious lifestyle, adopting the traditional Muslim headscarf, or hijab, along with loose, long-sleeved clothes. The Egyptian movie star later was seen wearing the even more conservative face veil, or niqab.

Islamists exulted at her decision, just as they have when other celebrities took a similar path.

Now that she has decided to resume her acting career and shun the hijab, they are no longer celebrating.

The highly publicized reversal this month by the 39-year-old actress immediately ignited a storm in social media, the press and on TV talk shows, with liberals lauding her move as an exercise in personal freedom and Islamists mourning that choice.

Her case in many ways mirrors the larger conflict in Egypt.

The country has been polarized since a popular uprising in 2011 toppled autocrat Hosni Mubarak, ushering in a period of political domination by the Muslim Brotherhood, which won a series of elections — including the presidency.

The generals ousted Islamist President Mohammed Morsi in 2013 after massive protests over his divisive rule and cracked down against the Brotherhood, outlawing it as a terrorist group. Under President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, the military-backed government has little or no tolerance for political Islam. It is against this backdrop that the status of women is among the most debated aspects of Islam in Egypt, with the question of how they appear in public getting special attention.

Shiha, often cast in dreamy, romantic roles, sought to distance herself from the often-acrimonious argument over her decision to take off the hijab and seek a more secular lifestyle.

"I never meant to insult or offend anyone," she told



In this Feb. 24, 2006 photo, Egyptian actress Hala Shiha poses wearing a veil during her marriage contract party at the police mosque, in Cairo, Egypt.

Associated Press

The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "Just because I took off my hijab, doesn't mean I am against it. Not at all."

"At the end, this is a personal decision and it's my choice. I am an actress and I don't want to be dragged into any political conflicts," she said. She cited "personal reasons" for her decisions — both to quit acting the first time and to resume her career — and didn't elaborate on what was behind them.

But a recent video posted on Instagram may have made things worse for the Islamists. It showed her flashing a broad smile and telling a hairdresser at a salon: "I came here to change my hair color a bit. I hope it turns out well. I am

sure it will be surprising." According to her father

and sister, she only recently opened an Instagram account, with about 149,000 followers. In none of her photos is she wearing a hijab.

Since her decision, Islamists have been saying she has disappointed women and girls who had looked to her as a role model.

"There were many girls that trusted her as a virtuous sister," ultraconservative preacher Sameh Abdel-Hameed told a private TV talk show. "But now she failed a large audience of young girls who followed her."

Other Islamists appeared incredulous over her decision. But Shiha told the AP that she had no links to Islamist groups while she embraced a religious lifestyle. Khadija Khairat el-Shatter, daughter of a jailed Muslim Brotherhood leader, wrote a long post on Facebook urging Shiha — "my soul twin" — to prove everyone wrong and appear in public wearing the veil again. "Today, the rumors that you took off your hijab had slaughtered me with a blunt knife," she wrote.

Mohammed el-Sawy, another ultraconservative, or Salafist, preacher, posted a video of himself in tears. In a quavering voice, he implored Shiha to repent. He also sought to belittle her decision, labeling it a "relapse" and blaming it on "worldly temptations."

In contrast, prominent film critic Tarek al-Shennawy commended her for showing courage in the face of what he described as a "difficult society."

One recently rekindled debate is whether wearing the hijab or the niqab is a religious duty or simply an option. Another is whether Islam's strict dress code for women shields them from being objectified by men in a country where sexual harassment on the street is widespread.

Those who oppose the hijab maintain that Egyptian women are sexually harassed whether they are in tight jeans, a miniskirt or a niqab. Others say that peer pressure plays a role, with young women wearing the hijab to win acceptance in their communities while adopting nothing else from Islam's prescribed modesty. "There has long been a conflict between liberals and Islamists with the status of women always the battlefield," said political analyst Saeed Sadeq. "It is often a question of veil or no veil."

Shiha remains unmoved by how her personal decision not to wear a hijab has turned into a national debate with political undertones.

"I am just at a different phase in my life now," she told the AP. "And I am happy that I am going back to acting." □

New book to focus on women in Donald Trump's life

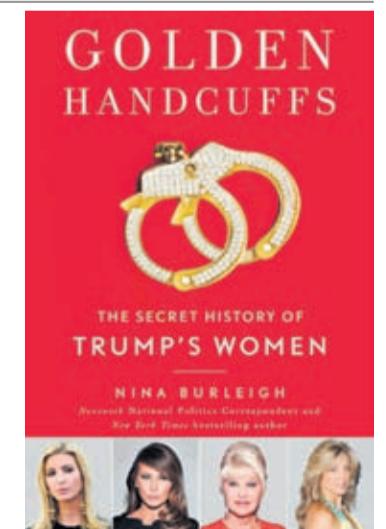
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NEW YORK (AP) — A best-selling author and Newsweek correspondent has a book coming out on President Donald Trump and the women in his life.

Gallery Books announced Thursday that Nina Burleigh's "Golden Handcuffs: The Secret History of Trump's Women" will be published Oct. 16. Burleigh, Newsweek's national political correspondent, will draw on investigative journalism and feminist analysis, ac-

cording to Gallery Books. She will write about Trump's mother, his three wives, his sisters, daughters and female employees. She will also write about the more than a dozen women who have alleged harassment or other sexual misconduct — allegations he has denied.

Burleigh's previous books include "The Fatal Gift of Beauty: The Trials of Amanda Knox" and "Mirage: Napoleon's Scientists and the Unveiling of Egypt." □



This image released by Gallery Books shows "Golden Handcuffs: The Secret History of Trump's Women," by Nina Burleigh. Burleigh's book will be published Oct. 16.

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